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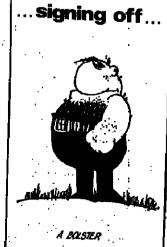
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Bromley victors

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Chapman Taylor beat schemes by Leslie Jones, TP Bennett and Building Design Partnership with a 33,750sq m retall and offices complex.

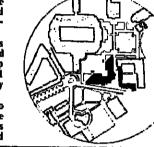
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netr scheme (pictures) was selected from eight second-round entries that were invited to develop their proposals after a total of 91 practices submitted preliminary

L-shaped blocks (right) which are arranged to unify the central campus area, to bring "order and calm and



tural elements put together in different ways allow a complex and sophisticated form for comparatively

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Bob Allies and Graham Morrison were placed second and Munkenbeck & Marshall came third in the

Runners up were Bradshaw Gass & Hope, Axis Design, Hutchison, Locke & Monk, Jacob Blacker and Anthony Hudson & Robert Sakula.

Stirling's massive **Docklands scheme**

JAMES Stirling is the first UK legally binding. The signing is architect to win a commission expected to take place in Novarchitect to win a commission for a major building on Canary Wharf - and the job comes from the development consort-

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who lost to Raymond Andrews in the competition for council's

Although the constitution does not cater for two people to

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Hackney's vice-president if he

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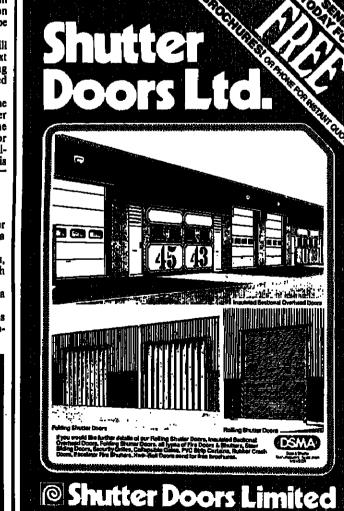
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Designer rethink

THE three stars of the Royal Academy's "New Architecture" exhibition get another chance to display their talents this Saturday on BBC2. James Stirling, Richard Rogers and Norman Foster are filmed at the top of a high London building by the producer of Saturday Review, John Archer.

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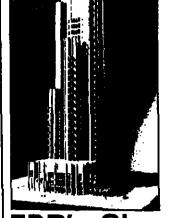
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LONDON's second tallest building, at 31 storeys, will be built on a block facing London Walland Old Broad Street in the City if applications submitted today by the EPR Partnership are successful. Partnership are successful.

The scheme, which covers an entire block, entails demolishing Winchester House, a 60s office development acquired last year by Friends Provident Life Office and Wates City of London Properties from St Martins for £65.5 million. The new building, 100 Old Broad Street, would have a value of about £300 million, and its 36,000sq m of uninterrupted floors are designed for flexibility of use and geared specially for the financial market.

The site falls outside the Bank conservation area but within the cluster of tall buildings that ring the Natwest tower. Careful consideration has been given to moderate the impact of such a substantial development of such a substantial development by positioning lower attached blocks at each end of the site while the bulk of the central tower is modelled by external service shafts. A public concourse with six points of entry occupies most of the ground level and this will contain shops, restaurants and cafes. The Royal Fine Art Commission is to view the scheme soon and a public exhibition is open from October 13-17 from L2pm-2pm et 82 London Well, London EC2. Architect: EPR Partnership. Project and cost consultants John Shreeves & Pariners, Structural engineers: Bunyan Meyer & Pariners, M & E design: Building Services Consultants.

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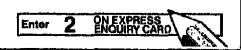
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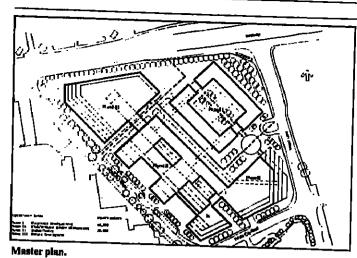


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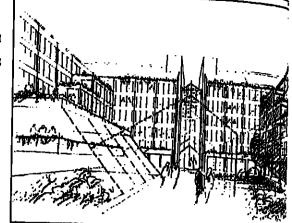
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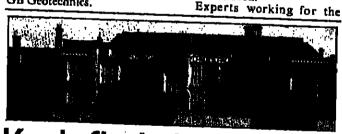
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The Divis residents are also

committed to having some say in the plans to rehouse them. The residents have already carried out limited consultation

hampered by lack of cash, and want to involve the entire community in drawing up plans.

Drummond out

LAMBETH council architect Mark Drummond was sacked this week for talking to the press. Drummond said he would "appeal on grounds of unfair Richard Needham, the North-ern Ireland minister at the DoE. council disciplinary hearing. with the LDDC, which it hopes will be included in the corpor-

gether with the master building agreement, once Royal assen has been given to the extension for the Docklands Light Rail-

Wharf plan LONDON's second taltest building, at 31 storeys, will be built on a block facing London Wall and Old Broad Street in the City if applications submitted today by the EPR Partnership are successful.

Partnership are successful.

The scheme, which covers an entire block, entails demolishing Winchester House, a 60s office development acquired last year by Friends Provident Life Office and Wates City of London Properties from 5t Martins for £65.5 million. The new building, 100 Old Brond Street, would have a value of about £300 million, and its 36,000sq m of uninterrupted floors are designed for flexibility of use and geared specially for the financial market.

The site falls outside the Bank conservation area but within the cluster of tall buildings that ring the Natwest tower. Careful consideration has been given to moderate the impact of such a substantial development of such a substantial development by positioning lower attached blocks at each end of the site while the bulk of the central tower is modelled by external service shafts. A public concourse with six points of entry occupies most of the ground level and this will contain shops, restaurants and cafes. The Royal Fine Art Commission is to view the scheme soon and a public exhibition is open from October 13-17 from 12pm-2pm at 82 London Wall, London EC2.

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DEALING in the shares of architecture's second recruit to

for flotation

for Whitehall will begin next Wednesday,

Whinney MacKay-Lewis launched their placing docu-ment yesterday in preparation for the flotation on Wednesday. The document includes details of its plans for future growth, share price and rating and profit forecast for the year ending April 1986.

Consortium anniversary

A SYMPOSIUM to mark the 25th anniversary of the Second Consortium of Local Authorities is being held in Gloucester

Property Services Agency design director, Bryan Jeffer-son, will be delivering the keynote speech at the meeting, which takes place on October 14 and 15.

Further details from Ian Cook at the consortium's Gloucester headquarters, tel 0452

Regulations a problem

ARCHITECTS have yet to come to grips with the revised Building Regulations and are relying too much on building control officers for advice, says Harry Chesterton, president of the Institute of Building Control. He criticised the profession during a debate on the building industry chaired by television personality Cliff Michelmore.

abmit nominations for honorary

Anyone except Britons eligible

for corporate membership of the

institute may be elected by reason

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science connected therewith considered by the council to be

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Honorary nominations

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halt decline

Atwell this week,

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exhibition in London, Atwell

condemned Government failure

to let local authorities use

capital receipts for housing

repairs, and called for a major

He said a gradual build-up o

capital investment in the public

By BD Reporters

sector was essential if we were to

avoid an accelerating decline o

Better management and

maintenance policies for hous-

ing estates were also necessary while demolition of tower

blocks or deck access estates

should only take place if repair

was too expensive to consider.

Atwell argued for local au-

thorities to remain the catalyst

for initiating work to solve the

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"The creation of urban de-

Nominations should be sent to the Patrick Harrison by Decem-

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brief statement on why the award

should be given. If the person's

work is not widely known

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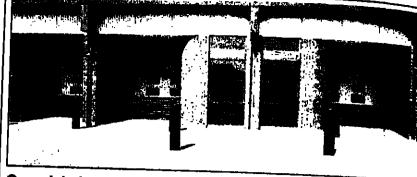
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cash boost to freeport plan

The West Mildland Freeport development at Birmingham's international alroort has just been completed by a consortium of local architects. The freeport — the first inland project of its kind in the UK — consists of 11 large warehouses together with a cargo centre.

cargo centre.

The centre, which is the size of a soccer pitch includes office space.

The 11 warehouses in the freeport area itself can be sub-divided into ampliar unite. smaller units.
The practices involved in Associated Birmingham Architects are Phillips, Cutler, Phillips, Troy and Temple Cox Duncan.



Councillors want say on colours

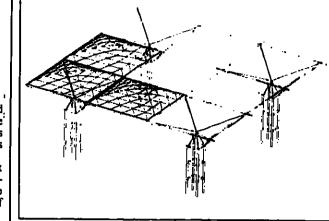
COUNCILLORS in Oxford. want to introduce an extra stage of consultation with architects over the colours and materials used on council housing.
At a council meeting last week

nembers of the housing comnittee suggested they ought to save more say on matters of aste versus durability. But director of housing Bil Brown said: "I think in terms of

naterial use the most important hing is maintenance. Council officers will now report back on the feasibility of an extra consultation stage.

Demolition plan

TAUNTON Deane Council is to demolish 100 pre-cast reinforced concrete homes on the Holway estate in Taunton because of the high cost of repair. The estate will be rebuilt.



Arups hired for Foster's new Stansted terminal

Ove Arup & Pariners have been appointed consultant engineers to the British Airports Authority for the initial phases of the new passenger terminal at Stansted Airport which has been designed by Foster Associates. The contract, which covers a prestressed steel roof, the terminal building and part of the forecourt, entails the use of 2,800 tonnes of steel (welded with 110,000 cliente, lugs and brackets), that of profiled metal deck, 35,000 cubic metres of concrete and 5,000 tonnes of reinforcement. The terminal roof, illustrated here, is designed to give 36-metre spacing in the concourse, while roof panels only have to span half that distance. Erection is scheduled for the spring and summer of 1987, Arups at the Academy pages 30-35. Arups at the Academy pages 30-35.

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US survey finds architects working without insurance

are working without adequate insurance cover because it is so difficult to obtain,

This alarming state of affairs is revealed in a report by the executives of six top architectural and engineering companies together with the US Society for Marketing Professional Ser-

It says the number of insurer for architects has dropped from 2 to three and that the chances of an architect or engineer being refused insurance range from

Poiret of Corvallis, reported Architects have been tackling that his company's cover had dropped from \$100 million to \$6 the problem by either agreeing a limit to liability in the contract million in three years and that it was doing \$300 million of work vithout cover.

By John Wood

"We will now walk away from high-risk projects if the clients ance," he said. "We have walked away from more than \$10 million in fees during the last six months alone."

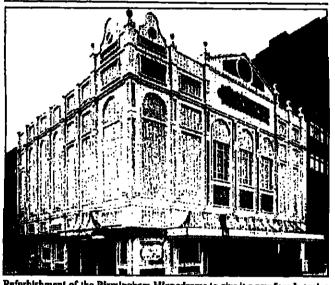
Other companies were said to be "self insured" to a much greater degree than they were admitting publicly.

In their defence, the report says that less than half the claims against architects come from clients and that more than twoor by exploiting a US law which allows large clients to include design work in their insurance

The report costs \$7.50 from SMPS, 801 N Fairfax St, Alexandria, Va 22314 JS.

● Lester B Knight & Associates of Chicago is being sued by the Illinois Capital Development Board over the design of the air-conditioning in its Chicago offices (architect Hel mut Jahn).

It is claiming damages and attempting to force the company to repair the cooling system for its 17-storey block arranged around an atrium, but Knight claims it meets client



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Builders hit

VAT policy
BUILDING firms in the Midlands are being forced to suffer
unnecessary financial hardship over VAT payments because of Birmingham City Council's payments policies, local contractors claim.
The council's VAT payment

system forces firms to break the law or suffer severe cash-flow problems, according to one

Builders working on urban renewal projects are given monthly payments for work it. They then have to pay VAT on those payments. But the council does not make a VAT payment to the builder until completion of a job, which could be up to a year later.

The council has pledged an immediate investigation and has promised to change the paying system if necessary.

Lambeth cash plea

LAMBETH council says £148 million must be spent on housing in the borough next year to avoid a "housing disaster".

Lambeth's claim is made in the borough's 1987-88 Housing Investment Programme (HIP), the annual cash bid to the government for new house-building, renovation and repair.

Engineer's claims on Ronan Point shock local team

Ronan Point are well within safe tolerance levels, according to one of the engineers responsible for supervising the original design for Taylor Woodrow Anglian.

Barry Russoff of Phillips Consultants, the firm which supervised all of the blocks built to the Larsen Neilsen system in this country, told BD "the flank wall joints do not need to be fully packed" and only 50 per cent of the mortar specified could be

He conceded that the H2 joints at the bottom of the tower would be carrying more "dead weight" and consequently would need more mortar to support the loadbearing flank walls, but said: "Some voiding

would not make them unsafe." Russoff's claims have shocked local authority experts examining the findings in the con-trolled demolition of Ronan Point. They have labelled the

voiding as a "major defect". The London Borough of Newham has found:

H2 joint is up to 50 per cent less than specified by the building's

designers.

The in-situ concrete is poorly compacted with voids existing beneath the horizontal reinforcement bars.

By Alan Thompson

 Levelling nuts had not been wound down after the hand packing had been carried out and a significant amount of the load was being transferred via

These defects have led to uncertainty over the actual path for the flank-wall loads. Newham's engineers have found that the strengthening angles were taking some of this load and that the flank wall joints would rotate under extreme loading

This could cause an alteration from the existing load path to one which had not been proven and there could be no guarantee on the stability of the building in a fire or if an explosion occurred.

plosion which caused the collapse of Ronan Point in 1968 had not occurred, the block is so badly built it would have fallen down on its own accord."

Newham is not taking any succour from Russoff's remarks. In fact the borough is particularly worried about the standard of workmanship on the lower floors. Engineers say workmanship at that level is

H2 Joint detail showing strengthening and concrete voiding.

Seminar aims to put faith The future into the planning system

A DEVELOPMENT Control seminar to explore how the Christian faith should affect planning is being held by the Association of Christians in Planning & Architecture on Saturday, October 18, at the St Clement's Family Centre, Cross Speakers will be Pete Broad-

bent, chair of development and planning for Islington council. and Peter Robottom, the bo-

the University and Colleges Christian Fellowship, 18 De Montfort Street, Leicester LEI 7GP, (0533) 551700.

Housing plan HAMMERSMITH & Fulham council is planning several schemes to cope with rising homelessness including a shortstay development unit, locating sites for new hostels, and a new-Details from RIBA Yorks

A CONFERENCE on the fut of city centres sponsored by Yorkshire branches of rough planning officer for RIBA, Royal Town Plant Institute and Royal Institute and Royal Institute Chartered Surveyors will held at Kings Manor, York, October 15,

Commercial Tiny entry for Spitalfields **Drawings** DISAGREEMENT over the future of Spitalfields Market is London & Edinburgh Trust. The City Corporation, which wants maximum commercial value from its 5ha site, is at odds with the planning authority. Competition

THE RIBA's search for an architect to design a drawings gallery for Portland Place has

had an embarrassing start. The competition for this prestigious project, launched in July, attracted just 30 entries by the closing date of September

tute's Clients Advisory Service, admitted the tiny entry was

But he suggested: "Perhaps

By John Wood

threatening to delay redevelop ment plans by architect Richard

with the planning authority,

Tower Hamlets, which wants to

limit the office space but in-

crease the housing, open space

radical changes to the original scheme following requests from

Tower Hamlets that the office

content be limited to 50 per cent

of any development of the area.

said: "A middle way between the

City and Tower Hamlets has to

be found, otherwise there will be

The council has still not seen

the scheme by developer Stuart

Lipton, with a master plan by

Leon Krier. Krier has met

Tower Hamlets twice, but is said

to be a long way from producing a first draft.

no development at all."

But a spokesman for LET

MacCormac is working on

chaired by Michael Manser, is now supposed to select a short-list of six when it meets on October 13.

White would not voice an opinion on the entries before the assessment, but neither would he confirm that all six shortfrom the original 30 entrants.

Many potential competitors may have been deterred by the vagueness of the entire project.

The competition's first stage simply asked for an A3 pane demonstrating the entrant's design ability, a CV no longer than two sheets of A4 and 250 words on their approach to the

The shortlisted six will b given the competition brief and expected to attend a "teach at the RIBA on the history of

They will receive a premium of £3,000 and be required to make a presentation of their

approach to the problem. The winner of this stage will be commissioned to take the

But the competition's rules state that the project depends on necessary funds being raised and admits that the institute is unable to give a commitment to build the whole of the work and that a phased development may

major development is set to transform a derelict 0.75ha site in the West Greenwich conservation area. The project comprises an 80-bedroom hotel designed by Building Design Partnership, a sheltered housing scheme by Twigg Brown & Pariners and an office, retail and housing scheme

will provide a new site for the market which occupies part of the land and parking for 150 cars. It has also secured a £728,000 urban development grant from the DoE.

Corn Exchange scheme back to the committees

to cut a 5m diameter stair of the Corn Exchange have been eferred to yet another council neeting for further talks.

The controversial scheme, which is part of a plan to turn the Grade I-listed building into a major shopping complex, has been referred to a special joint meeting of the planning and development committee, the industry committee, and the

ALSOP Barnet & Lyall's plans municipal services committee. the scheme, backed by developer Mount Provincial & Speciality Shops, after considering other proposals which were aesthetically more accept-able but not as financially

> Alsop Barnet & Lyall plan up to 2,000sq m of retail space for the building. They expect to put in a planning application at the cause of delay

STRONG criticism of the environment secretary's consul-

tation paper on the future of development plans has come from the Association of County It says national government

should interfere less in county planning rather than give coun-

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Message for designers on Legionnaire's Disease

tion and maintenance of equipment is needed to combat the spread of Legionnaire's Discase, says a top Property Services Agency

Ronald Oughton, head of uilding services at the agency, old a London conference that architects and developers need to understand more about the lisease to be able to fight it.

Designers should also acknowledge that their role goes beyond seeing the job built. They should also ensure the equipment (in this case the airconditioning equipment) is easily operated, maintained and replaced if necessary.

Another speaker questioned design, installation, opera- the current policy of switching from wet cooling towers to a

Christopher Bartlett, of the Communicable Disease Sur-

By Alan Thompson

veillance Centre, said it would be better to spend money on

His research showed domestic hot water systems were more likely to spread the disease

There are up to 200 reported cases of Legionnaire's Disease in Britain each year. To date the outbreaks have been associated with hotels and hospitals, usually in males over 55 who

Legionella pueumophila

bacteria is common and velops in water. The organism is found in

rivers, lakes, and wet soil and has been found in 60 per cent of public and hospital buildings. The most common locations for the bacteria in buildings are

in the hot-water service systems and air-conditioning cooling The infection route requires should be as the contaminated water to be sprayed into the air and for this aerosol to be inhaled by an "at Dr Geoffrey Brundrett, of the

Electricity Council Research The fatal outbra Centre, said engineers and hospital occurred cooling circuit for the

used by the Air-cod lie dormant at temperatures Industry Board.



designers must acknowledge hat there is a "strong likeli-

hood" of very low concentrations of the micro-organism existing in all open water systems. It was up to them to

The most favourable condi-

ions for multiplication of the bacteria are temperatures of between 25 and dodeg C' The nultiplication rate declines at higher temperatures and ceases completely at 46deg C. At 70deg

At the lower end of the scale,

although the bacteria does not multiply below 20deg C, it can



Design steps to take

specify equipment which pressure taps and sk

take steps to minimise the locate the cooling dispersal of water as an aerosol by incorporating draught eliminativesh-air inlets.



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It was in 1975 that Dobry's wide-ranging report was pub-lished, by a different environment secretary (Anthony Crosland) and from a department whose reaction seemed to many (including Dobry) to be lacking in urgency.

Since then the DoE has gradually implemented many of the Dobry proposals, but plan-ning is again in crisis. Some of the reasons for this, along with fresh proposals for reform, are to be found in two new reports published, coincidentally, within days of eachother at the end of September: the Fifth Report of the House of Commons Environment Committee: Planning: Appeals. Call-in and Major Public Inquiries; and Town and Country Planning: A Report to the Nuffield Foundation.

The two reports are very

Taking a tougher line on delays in the system

Tony Aidous analyses and compares the recommendations of two recent major reports on ways to improve the regional and local strategic planning system.

usefully complementary. Nuffield (chaired by Lord Flowers with a membership which included Sir Frank Layfield, former RTPI president Jim Amos, and the late Wilf Burns, sometime DoE chief planner) took a broad, long look at the planning system as a whole - at what society should expect of it, and how best to achieve that.

The select committee, chaired former DoE minister Sir Hugh Rossi, focused more narrowly and in a more concentrated way on ways to remedy

the huge and apparently intractable delays in giving planning applicants decisions at both local authority and appeal

Delays there certainly still are. The select committee report (for brevity, "Rossi") indicates that, whereas about 86 per cent of applications are eventually approved, in some 33 per cent of cases the local planning authority fails to meet the statutory requirement of giving a decision

It was Michael Heseltine who locked up for longer than it need estimated that councils kept be. On this Rossi takes a

about £8,000m of development potential locked up in their filing cabinets; more recently a DoE minister, Lord Elton, has stated that planning delays in written appeals alone cost Britain some

£½ million a week. There is, of course, an element of hyperbole about such statistics. Planning, like any other business, inevitably locks up some capital temporarily pen-ding decisions. Justified criticism focuses on the proportion of that lost potential which is

Thus a council which refused an application on grounds other than "justifiable planning reasons" and lost on appeal, would stand not only to have costs awarded against it, but compensation for loss. On the other hand, a developer who appealed a second or third time with a similar development on substantially the same site, and lost,

commendably tough line.

His chief weapon is costs,

compliance with statutory time-

tables, but also to discourage

time-wasting conduct by both

planning authorities and appli-

Costs are also used to back the econd leg of the Rossi strategy: etting the parties to negotiate in advance and to agree as great a proportion of the facts as possible. The committee urges costs penalties for failure to negotiate, and for failure to produce evidence to counter alleged facts if you failed to agree them at the pre-inquiry

could have costs awarded

Where an LPA failed to negotiate in the first three months after an application, the applicant could appeal straight away without waiting the full six

More inspectors

What in essence Rossi is saying to the parties is: "Clet your act together. Define the issues, and concentrate the inquiry proceedings on those. If you don't, you'll be penalised". To back this up, he wants more inspec-tors, full-time and part-time, and would arm them with statutory powers for setting and enforcing timetables, both for pre-inquiry exchange and circu-lation of evidence and at the actual inquiry.

One of the points at which Rossi's and Nuffield's reconmendations meet is in calling for central government to provide clear policy guidelines in advance of inquiries so that strategic issues do not need to be thrashed out unnecessarily. A planning inquiry commission may be an appropriate form for this; a public local inquiry is not.

Where Nuffield goes much further is in urging, in effect, a separation of powers" between central and local government. National policies (continuously reviewed) should be promulgated regularly to cover development where the national nterest is genuinely affected; otherwise local planning authorities should be left to work out local policies (again con-tinuously reviewed) to suit the needs of their communities. Centralised criteria are neither

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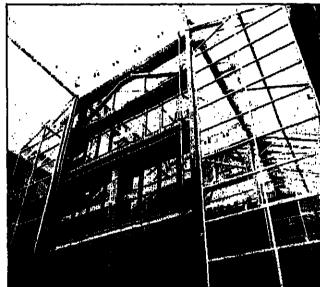
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Rooms with a view to many will seem the inside remaining counties wax John Brunton & Partners were architects on the recently completed refurbishment of the listed Unity Wharf building in London by Selladale Developments. The conversion has provided 1,000sq m of offices and four flats facing the dock and arranged around the atrium (below). The region is a sensible mi! strategic planning; the oc-(as the 1973 Maude Re



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Bouncing back

Soptember 26), there are plans to incorporate another as a multi-storay carpark in a retail development. Rolfe Judd Group Practice is the architect for a 112,500sq m shopping centre on the Fort Dunlop site in Birmingham, which would retain the 1930s factory building. A planning application has been made to the city council and the centre could be completed in three years if it is successful.



Digging up the past

When MWT Architects designed a 14-unit housing development in St Albans for Matthew Homes, they didn't expect to unearth a piece of history. But they did. And MWT director Brun Jones (right) is shown here coming face to face with a 1,900-year-old Roman.

The skull, deiting from 60AD, is from one of 16 skeletons found on the site-

described as the most important Romano-British cremation cemetary to be excavated. More than 350 cremations have been discovered so far and initial investigations have produced evidence of formalised burials, mortuary houses, timber shrines, tramways and major timber entrance. Building work will be completed when the archeological excavation ends.

We name the guilty papers

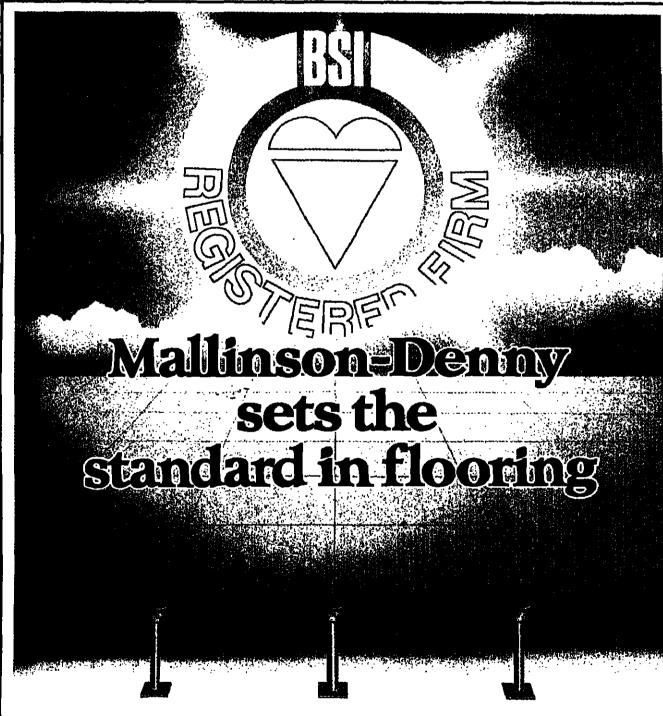
AS its contribution to the current Royal Academy exhibition, that bastion of cultural standards the Mail on Sunday chose to publish an article headed "Designer Cheek" with a strapline reading: "Revealed ... why the architects who have outraged Britain choose a nice traditional home every time." Not really a new idea but, you might think, amusing enough in its own way. The works of Stirling, Lasdun, Rogers, Manser and the Smithsons are contrasted with their conventional-looking homes. It was beyond the wit of the author to get himself invited in, so his claim that they are "traditional" could. for all he knows, be absolute drivel. But the more you read, the more drivellish the whole piece becomes. Take this passage for example: "Architects have changed skylines in towns and cities all over Britain. Indeed, many say architects should be forced to live in their newfangled buildings."

Just a hint of non-sequitur there? Wrong use of the word "indeed"? Perhaps some confusion over whether buildings which change a skyline are "new-fangled"? We could give the journalist, Hugo Davenport, the benefit of the doubt and say that it was others in the Mail empire who rendered his article illiterate and meaningless. But I don't see why we should, since his prose style appears to reflect the jumbled whirl of what pass for ideas in his fevered head. He is suggesting it is wrong for Rogers to design the Lloyd's building unless he designs a house that is like the Lloyd's building and then lives in it. Why should this be? Do we ask the wretched Davenport to confine his reading habits to the mendacious outpourings of the Rothermere empire, simply because he happens to write rubbish for it? Another newspaper, the London Standard (a good example of the sapping effect of a market monopoly) recently carried an item

The Editor's Comment

attacking Rogers for not living in a flat in a riverside block he has designed. It then destroyed it's own silly point by saying that John Young of the Rogers partner-ship is buying a flat there.

The depressing thing about all this is the absence on the part of the popular press of any apparent interest in good design and how to achieve it. Doesn't the Mail on Sunday's readership deserve something better than an out-of-date rant? Some indication of why the reputation of British architects is high abroad? Why young architects like Nigel Coates keep winning commissions in Japan? Why no newspaper baron has commissioned a decent building in living memory?



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Methods unfit for Third World

From John Shelley, Overseas Development Administration AM still trying to decide what lessons are to be learned from Jim Antoniou's article (September 12): for every proposal he makes, he explains elsewhere why it cannot work.

Of course we can all quote apocryphal stories such as his about the German prefabricated school system. We all know, too, the story about granny's body on the roof rack. He is correct in saying that foreign financing usually implies centralised management; with most bilateral or multilateral aid being on a government-to-government basis and frequently comprising large programmes; there is no workable alternative, particularly when one is dealing, for example, with one project for several hundred schools.

In one paragraph he champions the cause of building with local materials, such as the mud of Sudan, but shortly afterwards admits that the consequent reduction in quality of construction results in inadequate maintenance. What could be more inappropriate than that? Not to speak of the acute absence of local construction

No responsible aid organisation puts money into the bricks and mortar of school overall teaching situation, teacher/pupil ratios, class sizes and teaching methodology etc, and a suitable teaching environment, as created by the school building, is just one more

In the really needy situation one may well have an enrolment of 100 or more in a primary school with only one teacher, and an age distribution from 50 per cent in standard 1 to 5 per ent or less in standard 7, Combine this with the introduction of learning by doing rather than learning by rote, and you have, inter alia, the requirement for a large, flexible area. with high natural lighting levels, but adequate shading, good cross-ventilation for children squatting on the floor, but protection from driving mon-

In 25 years of involvement in

niques which could produce such a building: what have I

Even when one could possibly involve the community in the building process - and presuming that they have any time and energy left after their struggle for survival — there remains the problem, which he identifies, of the technical assistance necessary to organise this, 100 scattered schools could require 100 competent organisers, and developing countries do not have these kind of manpower

As to involving the beneficiaries in the design process and in deciding priorities, in my scenario, (and one present involvement) the beneficiaries are 5-9-year-old children, of illiterate tribal families who may have never seen a permanent school building. With the best will in the world, I cannot see what positive contribution they can make. They can, however make very negative contri outions, as I know to my cost. I the next village has a "pukka" ouilding, of the entirely inappropriate type which Antoniou illustrates, perhaps with a leaky flat roof, small windows and as hot as an oven by the end of the day, that is apt to be the limit of their conception and ambition; that is what they wil ask for, and anything different will be inferior.

Antoniou's delightful sketch illustrates precisely the type of inappropriate, engineer-de-signed, "pukka" school building prevalent on the Indian subcontinent, with its equivalents worldwide, which we are trying to move away from. But did i not occur to him that the reason for the classes being held outside might be because the outdoor environment was better than indoors and a better place to teach, particularly if there is a shady tree nearby? This is no barrier to learning: witness the rise to power of Dr Banda, president of Malawi, who never tires of reminding us that his primary education took place

under a tree. In fact, I would dispute entirely Antoniou's final contention. Nowhere in the world has the lack of a cost-effective building in the less developed world I have come across few, if school. If there is a teacher there

Faculty of

Architects and

room, under a tree, in a cow-shed while the cows are out, or against a wall in the openair; the building, however important its contribution, is the least important element in the equation. A good primary school teacher will teach well anywhere, but the best building money can buy will not help a bad teacher.

The lessons I have learned are that one should utilise local techniques and materials as far as is possible without compromising the function of the classroom; to provide the minimum acceptable structure, perhaps no more than a skeleton frame or two end walls and a roof, and to try, through the teachers, to provide guidance as to how the community can be involved in the further improve ment of the school.

In a current project in India. the local project architect is producing a teachers' handbook with ideas for building improvements, site development, play sculptures, advice on tree plantng, simple furniture, space lividers, display screens etc. designed to be made with local, possibly free, materials and written in the local language. This, I am sure, is the better way to involve the community. Limited financial resources can then be concentrated on providing a basic, sound structure that will withstand the probable complete absence of main-John Shelley London SW1

Minefield of admissions

From P E Goodman, Portsmouth FRONT page alarm and despondency seems to be the

hallmark of Amanda Baillieu's article (September 19). The Portsmouth school of architecture has not been "thrown into confusion" and there will be eligible students "without places" under any system unless every higher education course is based on spare places, even for latecomers. Also, if one is going to

understand the system, let us

have the initials correct, it is PCAS not PECAS. The entry system to poly-technics over the years has developed into an art. Some admissions tutors carry out interviews for the department; some departments admit without interviews. Whichever system was used in the past the tutor responsible developed a "feel" for the recruitment which on the day of enrolment left the number of students just about

on target; a skill to be admired. The introduction of PCAS prought with it a subtle change. n the past potential students had paid for UCCA entry and filled all five slots on the form. Wise applicants covered the Alevel low pass situation with one or at most two polytechnic applications; some didn't bother at all. With PCAS, if you have to pay, then "fill up the form, for all four places", was a popular approach. Thus polytechnics realised that they were facing a pelled by a whole pick-a-back system, PCAS on relevant speakers. UCCA. No one had played this game before and so very careful differently with that background watch had to be kept as to how one could develop a skill under quite new conditions and in one

year hit the target figure.
All the old skills of estimating wastage were revised and rehought in an effort to judge the right way to step. Indeed, it has been a minefield, but only fools thought it would be otherwise.

Stoke-on-Trent there has been a The teachers' dispute hasn't come into the reckoning in my view. Decisions have to be taken on the potential at interview and/or in references; a long and arduous task. It has meant much | minor, superficial and personal.

will be a school; in a rented | tration and tutors.

cert with another of similar style on a national basis was going to be a difficult task from day one. PCAS has been slow and inefficient in some areas but this was to be expected by anyone who thought about it for a moment or two. The clearing system has been hard work. The judgment surely is whether the system is basically good and, will it settle down? Yes, is the answer. It is good news and will be better when it settles down. However, let us keep the "experts" away from changes for changes sake! A mistake PCAS has made is to "wash up" on the

The introduction of a new

computerised" system in con-

The monitoring process for entry under PCAS should have been continuous since first applications arrived in September 1985. That has meant monitoring all the time, particularly during the summer vacation where all the finetuning has been done. The frequent discussions on the entry state will be a deal easier for the 1987 entries. We will know the tune and the words a ittle better by that time.

effects before the enrolments are

I wonder how many polyechnics are collecting and sifting data on this year's entries. areful study of the system, with results achieved, will bear fruit. However, there will be those who throw away the files until crisis time next year. How many polytechnics have really understood the clearing system and used the sluice gate to open and close to good effect? My advice is to grip PCAS, refine one's own style of approach and settle into what could be a very efficient system producing better-than-expected results for students. Let us wait and examine the A-level score of 1986-87 intakes rather than agonise over a drop in entry requirements. As for how many will turn up on the day, no one has ever known that as an exact figure; that would be harnessing

human nature — an impossible

P E Goodman

Consulting the experts

From Francis Colella HAVING been part of the design co-ordination team who elped to create the Nationa Garden Festival, I felt I had to put some sort of reply to Robert Holden's feature (September

Holden's comments are ypical of many landscape architects "on the outside". As the festival draws to an end it will, no doubt, become the fashion for many of my fellow professionals to become "garden festival analysts".

I hope, however, that they take care to establish the facts and perhaps were even keen enough to attend the recent Landscape Institute national conference, where many of the myths and untruths were dis-pelled by a whole range of knowledge.

Ultimately we have to accept that it does not matter what landscape architects write or say, because they have to work as a team with other parties who "oall the tune" and "pay the Stoke-on-Trent there has been a satisfaction rate of 95 per cent, 1,500 new jobs created and the city warming to the festival, Warts and all

Holden's comments are There are no glaring omissions

or defects on the national garden | ising several reunion dinner festival site, design-wise. The product is good, considering the time scale, the budgets, and the weather. Many of his comments are a result, perhaps, of a lack of with the year of confent, attendance will be sufficient understanding about the site (the lakes are some 10m above canal level, hardly the best place David Pressle for a marina), the Potteries area, PO Rox No 37 the reclamation of the site

(topsoil substitutes were used, very successfully), or the client. The festival is commercial and has already attracted £6 million in sponsorship, as a result of not having international restrictions placed upon it. Commercial pressures were strong and often directly opposed good and tasteful designs, leading to many "con-frontations", all resolved in the nterests of the festival.

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RIBA spurns

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From Peter Southgate

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Hull would invite Cudat, so

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There are good answers to all of Holden's questions, answers that any one of us would have been happy to give, if asked, Perhaps future critics would care to delve a little more deeply and give courtesy to those who toiled long and hard, in circumstances known only by those who were there. Francis Colella Newcastle-under-Lyme

Fear of approval

From Bob Hewitt, presiden: Institute of Clerks of Works I READ with interest comment by John Newlove, (Septembe 2) regarding JCT 80 — Clause

2 and the clerk of works. As president and chairman of working party that is reviewng the role of the clerk of works, l am aware of many actions that take place not in accordance with the present forms of contract.

As a practising clerk of works, cannot understand, if those who work in the industry are providing works to specification and good practice, what it is they have to fear from an approval process that could save time and money in the building industry. Bob Hewitt London W5

Scandalous adverts

3) is absolutely right lebecoming increasingly obtain that the only way to deal with great space gobblers of the 20th century — shopping of robot factories, educationals From J Ford I ENCLOSE copies of 33 advertisements placed in your paper your paper by the RIBA leisure facilities, warehous power storage and general (to mention but a few)-i There have been endless lebates on how many architects put them undergrounded the surface of the Earlie are needed and how many departments of architecture

must close, both in polytechpreserved for the amenity is enjoyment of future generalist Undergrounding has eas nics and universities. Why does the RIBA publish mous practical advantages! these advertisements? For if virtually nil or at 2 they mean what they say, the lack of powerful RIBA support very low running costs, # to its educational system is security, and not least, the go-benefit to an already much-profession of providing sm

Long-lost

From David Pressley, public relations manager, Crown Paints LAST year we completed our 40th annual conference for students of architecture and interior design. Before 1975 these were known as Walpamur Prize conferences, since when they have developed as the Crown Prize to offer students a travel scholarship worth £2,000.

While planning this year's conference and the regional colour lectures and exhibitions, it was suggested that we endeayour to trace former Walpamur and Crown Prize winners with the intention of possibly organ-

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We shall be delighted to be from any former recipients these prizes. A business or with the year of of the fair

From H I Meyer SPOILED for choice, I did not

South Africa Henry Law and his reasoned argument for the single tax, or react violently to Geoffrey Broadbent's apologia pro classica sua (September 26).

From Jennifer Jones, London
I WAS delighted to read:
news of the new organism ter between Daniel H Burnham
UK Architects Against As, and Frank Lloyd Wright back
theid, and that one of it ago, when Uncle Dantook to the suggestions is that we archine ago, when Uncle Dan took to the avoid using South Afric mountain and showed him all products. I suggest that a list of a ing: "Beautiful . . . all beau-products be published in the tiful! I can see all America that those architects who will constructed along the lines of avoid using South Africated in noble dignified classic avoid using South Africa

products know which one; style. The great men of the day to specify. Wright could have had it all, every bit of it. John Root, Burnham's designing partner, had just died, Burnham needed a talented and energetic designer to "make no little plans". But as is history, Burnham was turned

From B Spencer, chairman, & down. School of Architecture Asson a lifetime demonstrating, to spurn Classical architecture does not mean to embrace sterile dogmatic "moderne" styles. Fascism is not the fun, but the funeral, of the flair, and fascism is used to using Classicism whether it is the Beaux Art version of the Chicago World's Fair or the sub-topian stripped down arches and endless vistas of Mussolini's Terza Roma and the multi-national modulor of Le Corbusier, or the rigid soullessness of a Miesian stump and the post-modern posturings of Venturi, Krier and Stirling.

The architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, Usonian architecture, Broadacre City architecture, organic architecture, is the third way, the alternative style, the true path of design. Abe Hayeem and Broadbent have set up on two sides politically, establishment and anti-establishment, Right verses Left, but architecture is not all that. Architecture is about giving a form to the local habitation of society. If that society is unjust its architecture must be Classical, whether stripped-down Corb, functional

iolly-Rogers, or quivering Terry. Only when the society changes to acknowledge the fundamental laws of an organic political economy will organic architecture, the American dream, and true beauty be built.

Until that time, when democracy triumphs and rids itself of the rotten economic system which is sapping its freedoms, all Classical and fascist. Broadbent is right not to castigate German because it was the language of Hitler. Fascism was not Hitler's buildings, thermal movement frost damage and solar min achievement alone, Fascism cracy, and the rottenness of that Conditions which prevail wherever there is private approprintion of land rental values.

because far from destroying sheltered shopping city site Every country is potentially a the right place could actual benefit it by allowing it beautiful adjacent Epping est to be extended right over development which no country In fact, the development be the classic prototype of can escape except by the estato cater for the late 20th cent on an overcrowded island all to the occupation and use of can ill afford to lose any the land. The private appropriation of the rent of land is the deadly enemy of mankind. If we of submerging the surface of want a truly organic architec- | Earth under an ocean of girl concrete and tawdry building ture we must, as in all building, first clear the land. Until then the | Cirencester battle of the styles will rage ! Glos

along with the struggle for life, which should instead be the pursuit of happiness.

madness

From Eric De Maré HENRY Law is wrong (September 26). If scientific price adjustments were made by paving retailers with new state credits so that goods could be sold below cost prices, the purchasing power of the public would be increased, prices would fall and inflation would be prevented.

"Coupons for soap powder" maybe, and why not? Money is coupons - or should be. It should not be regarded, as it is now, as being in itself a commodity - like soap. It is an abstraction and, when not

inventions of humanity. But now it is being abused, for humanity is being kept short of purchasing power by the debt system (and by the ethic of toi on which it is based). How then can the taxing of land help the economy? How can any taxes help? Of course, governments need revenue to pay for social and expensive weapons which I for one, don't want), but they don't have to raise that revenue in taxes.

With a few taps on a type-writer they could create sufficient money coupons out o nothing, to use as revenue which would be based on the plethora of physical realities. What i physically possible must be financially possible, and we possess a huge unearned increment of physical realities or which to draw and which is not yet represented by monetary

Money isn't wealth and inde stry doesn't create it. If banks can create credits out of nothing, so can governments — and without charging themselves (or us) huge interest and without piling up false and astronomical debts. (The first charge in every budget is payment of interest on has no right to exist; the fact is never mentioned by the media. In 1984 the interest was nearly £12,000 million, and it is rising rapidly. About a third of all local rates we pay goes to interest on false indebtedness, but that is never mentioned either. The situation is complicated.

I've written a comprehensive book about it which, though obviously he did not read it, was reviled by your critic. You can't print it all on your Letters page but I must add that history and grows out of a rotten demo- religion have helped to cause our monetary madness, not least the old biblical precept of reward quence of economic conditions. | and punishments. So the purpose of a social economy is not regarded in general as a simple matter of producing and distrifascist country. Germany and | the individual but as a means of Italy were but the Jungian expiation for unknown, original archetype - the archetypes for a | sins. Are we all gelded by guilt? Puritanism has much to answer for — not least our ghastly blishment of the equal right to "urbanoid mish-mash", where, to quote G M Hopkins, poet: "Generations have trod, have

trod have trod; And all is seared with trade, bleared, smeared with toil."

Bathtime creations

IT seems a pity that so much can be written about architecture

and so little of it have any meaning. The latest example which comes to mind is E M Farrelley's article in August's Architectural Review titled "The new spirit". The piece represents the nadir of contemporary architectural

thought and criticism. Farrelly has made little or no attempt to be truly analytical and frankly tells us nothing about architecture today in what might be called real terms. What we are sold is the latest reactionary nonsense thought up in the bath It would surely have been more informative if Farrelly had discussed the current architec-

tural situation in the context of ideological developments and looked at hard material facts the social, political and economic trends which have affected the profession and the construction industry. Instead her article proceeds on the basis of the

architecture is about changing spints — spirits of the age which are manifest in the buildings of a particular time. Architecture becomes self determining and no worldly things can effect its change. It may be fun and interesting to discuss architecture in terms of a "zeit geist", but represents a critical tread-

But above all, what was most disturbing about Farrelly's editorial was the political veneer applied to her writing. I say veneer" because the politics became a trendy adjunct to what she wrote rather than bearing any relationship to her discus sion about architecture. Essen tially we were left with a description of buildings in visual terms - form separated from social content. This is surely what we all hope

avoid - a too great a preooks like. Post-modernism as an "ism"

may certainly have died, but as an ideology it lives on and it will live on until we have radical social change. Call it the new spirit, but the only "new" thing spirit, but the only "new" thing Alan Wood about it is the name. The label is London NW1

idealist notion that the history of [] as superficial as the architecture and its apologists. David Magyar London NW6

outstanding

From Alan Wood, housing development committee, Camden

WAS astounded to read in your magazine that the council "has agreed to appoint outside consultants to determine the future of its Hillview Estate" and that the option of demolition "has now been dropped". No such decisions have been made. The current options are redevelopment and rehabilitation. We will be seeking professional advice to determine whether or not there is a realistic

option which combines the two. When we have this information we will be appointing an independent agency to carry out a consultation exercise. The final decision will then be taken by the housing development

Acting on damage

From K Liddemore, Inigation manager, City of Bradford Met-

WAS interested to read the article by Neil Jones (September 5). It was, however, perhaps unfortunate that the article was nublished on this date in view of the fact that the Latent Damage Act 1986 was established shortly thereafter. This act does provide for a "longstop" as discussed by Jones. The Act provides, however, that no action shall be brought after the expiration of 15 years from the date on which there occurred any act or omission which is alleged to constitute negligence and to which the damages are claimed, is alteged to be attributable. While the decision which was the subject of Jones' article appeared wrongly to extend the time upon which a breach on duty may be committed, the Act appears to remedy the situation

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Stirring up the liability question

IF a building owner sues his architect for negligence following the construction of a defectively designed building, when does time begin to run for the purposes of the Limitation Acts?

The rule is easy enough to state — namely the writ must be issued within six years (three for personal injury) from the date when the cause of action accrued. However the difficulty is deciding upon when the cause of action accrues. In negligence actions it is necessary to establish three elements: a duty of care owed to the

a breach of that duty by the

 damage caused to the plaintiff by reason of that breach of duty by the defendant.

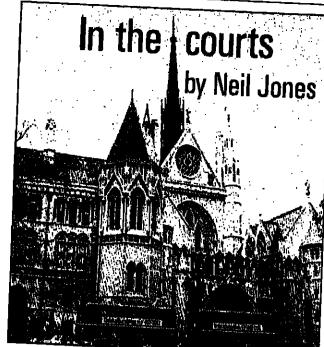
While it is this last issue of damage which causes so much difficulty, in that until damage has been suffered the cause of action does not accrue, this can lead us back into a consideration of the first element referred to above. In other words, in respect of what type of damage is the duty of care owed to any particular plaintiff? It is necessary to answer this question before going on to determine when damage was suffered. If economic or financial loss alone is sufficient, then clearly time begins to run from when this economic loss is first suffered. But if, as is often the case, it is necessary to show either physical damage to property or personal injury, then it is necessary to await the occurrence of such physical damage ctc before a cause of action

accrues and time begins to run. In relation to professional negligence actions, confusion abounds. For instance, it is quite clear that where the negligence of lawyers, accountants or investment brokers is concerned, the only loss likely to result from their negligence is purely economic or financial. They are unlikely to cause physical damage to property. Therefore the six years begins to run against them at the time when such economic or financial loss is suffered irrespective of whether or not it is discovered, or discoverable, then or later.

Responsibility

What then is the position of an architect or consulting engineer in relation to design work? Assume they are responsible to their clients under the law of negligence for purely economic loss. Time is then likely to run, at the latest, from when the building constructed on the basis of a defective design is completed and handed over even though the defective design has not yet resulted in dete tion or damage to the building itself. The building owner has taken over a defective building and has therefore suffered economic loss in the sense of its devaluation, or the impending cost of correcting the defect even

though he may be unaware of it. On the other hand, if the duty of the architect or consulting engineer is limited to not causing physical damage to the property of their clients, then time will not begin to run simply because the building has been defectively designed. It will only begin to



up the pipes into the areas around

the hall itself. Flooding also

occurred subsequently on a total

of about 11 occasions. The worst

flooding was in 1975. As a result

run when physical damage occurs to the building, whether discovered at the time it occurs or later. If this is the case then the six years may not begin to run for some considerable time after the building is completed, when as a result of the defects. physical damage occurs.

In the latest Court of Appea case on this matter, we therefore find the somewhat odd situation of leading counsel for the defendant architects attempting to pursuade the Court of Appea that the architects owed a duty of care to the building owner not to cause economic loss. This was in order to show that in having negligently caused such loss, time began to run from the date that the building was completed. Thus the building owner's claim would be statute-barred six years from that date, rather than six years from the date when physical damage had occurred as a result of the defective design. As we shall see, this lead to some judicial observations which do little to ease the confusion in this area of the law

London Congregational Union Incorporated v Harris & Harris (Court of Appeal, July 30, 1986) This case, at first instance, came before Judge John Newey QC sitting as Official Referee in 1984. It involved the design by the defendant architects of a church and church hall. In order to accommodate it upon the smallest possible portion of land, the hall was built under neath the church at about six fee below ground level and the church on top was set at about six feet above ground level. Three small areas at the lower level on the north side of the hall and a larger area at the lower level on its south side were left open and paved. The church was to be reached by going up a short flight of steps and the hall by

going down a flight of steps, The design required a scheme to drain the rain water from the open areas around the hall at the lower level and the defendants devised a system of gulleys connected by pipes to a sewer.
The depths of the sewer below
the lowest point of the areas was about three foot six inches. This method of disposing the rain water contained no safeguard against the sewer surv As the hall was set at a lower level than surrounding manholes, if the sower was going to surcharge, the water would escape by the easiest route. As

the judge said:
"In effect the defendants had created a large tank in which the church hall was situated which could act as a relief area, a sort of balancing tank for the sewer in the event of it surcharging."

The building was completed in January 1970. In August 1971, after heavy rain, the sewer in the street filled with water and surcharged. The water came

the plaintiffs consulted solicitors and a writ was issued on February 18, 1977, ic within six years of the first flood in August

The judge at first instance found that the defendants had been negligent in relation to the scheme for drainage. A further allegation of negligence was that there was no damp proof course provided between the wall of the hall and the staircases leading down to the lower level which were set into walls of the building. Moisture could therefore penetrate into the lower level. It eventually reached and damaged the plaster on the inner surface and the decorative linishes to the plaster.

The judge had heard expert evidence to the effect that it would have taken one or two years for the plaster to have been damaged following completion of the building. The writ had been issued on February 18 1977, and had to be issued within six years from the date the church hall and flowed into when the cause of action accrued. So it became necessary to determine in relation to both the drainage system and the absence of a damp proof course, preci-sely when the cause of action

accrued. If it accrued before February 18, 1971 then the claims were statute-barred; if

after they were not. At first instance, the judge had held in relation to the drainage scheme that the cause of action accrued when the first flooding took place in August

No damage He held that there had been no damage suffered until then and damage was an essential ingredient in the tort of neglifrom the expert evidence if the first physical damage to the property had occurred shortly

before or shortly after February 1971. He thus held that as a imitation defence has to be raised by a defendant, it was for the defendant to prove that damage had occurred sometime before six years prior to the issue of the writ. He said that as the evidence was unclear, the defendants had failed to demonstrate this. In neither case was the claim statute-barred.

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from the start" time should run which would require remedial from the date of completion works, the defendants' submiseven before physical damage took place.

These arguments were not accepted by the majority of the court, which held that the court was bound by the Pirelli decision. As Lord Justice Ciibson

Negligence

"I can see no relevant difference between the relationship of the defendant consulting engineers in *Pirelli* to their clients and the relation of the defendant architects in this case to their clients, the United Reformed Church . . . In both cases there was negligent design which was latent in the sense that for a time the building and the various parts of it functioned as those parts were expected and required to function, and which was later the cause of physical lamage to the building."

In dealing with the question of whether the cause of action began from the time of actual physical damage to the building or economic damage to the plaintiffs, in the sense that they

ston on this issue was also

rejected. The defendants had said that in line with the House of Lords decision in Junior Books v The Venchi Lid (1983) just as the defective floor in that case (which had been laid by the nominated sub-contractor) gave rise to actionable negligence in favour of the building owner, so the installation of the defectively designed

The court, however, said that in the Junior Books case it was the defects resulting from the negligent work which was seen as being the cause of the need to spend money on putting right physical defects in the floor; it was not the mere existence of the faulty elements in design or construction which would lead to the coming into existence of the physical defects at some time

drainage system also gave such a

In the Junior Books case the building owner who had brought the action had actually suffered physical damage to his property, ie the floor. Prior to the flooding, the plaintiffs in this case had had a defective drainage system not suffered any damage to the the floor has been designed

With respect this particular distinction seems very time and perhaps an added gloss on previous analyses of the Junior Books decision, which has generally been accepted as establishing in limited situations a right to sue for negligently caused economic loss without the need to show physical damage. Accordingly, where it is the article supplied itself which is du maged, eg the floor in the Junior Books case, which does not cause consequential physical damage to other parts of the building, then it has generally been accepted that this is a claim for economic loss not

physical damage to property. However, it now appears on the analysis of this case by Gibson L J that Juntor Books may perhaps be regarded as a case on physical damage. If this is so then we have what appears to be yet a further unwarranted, and there are now, the following three possibilities. Take for example a negligen-tly designed or negligently laid

action in negligence, though, if

or laid in a faulty fashion but there has been no deterioration at all although it is bound at some point to break up. Prior to

physical damage:

other parts of the building. Here

there is clearly physical damage.

Accordingly, in the London

Congregational case the major-ity of the court held that there

was no actionable negligence

until flooding took place and

could lead to situations where a

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resulted in physical damage, it could not be the subject of an

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Concept

"Firstly, of course, the con-

cept of negligence is not inten-

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buildings rights equivalent to contractual rights. Justice does

damage at all to the building'.

The court accepted that this

physical damage occurred.

Finally, in relation to the absence of damp proofing, the breaking up this is purely court did overturn the first economic loss, ie the loss in value instance decision. It decided or the cost to cure the faultthat where it is not clear if the the floor has started to break damage first occurred before or up but has not caused any after a period beginning six years prior to the issue of the damage to any other part of the building. It is simply a defective writ, then it is for the plaintiff to product in itself. This may have prove that it occurred only

been thought from the *Junior* within the period and not for the Books decision to have been defendant to prove initially that purely economic loss but would it must have occurred before the now appear arguably to be commencement of the six year the floor breaks up and as a The judge at first instance had consequence causes damage to

building itself was not doomed

even if the drainage system was

misdirected himself as to which party should show exactly when damage first occurred.

Note that this was a majority decision of two to one. Sir Denys Buckley dissented, on the suffering of economic damage, ie being saddled with a building with defective drainage which would require remedying, was sufficient to found a cause of action. Time therefore began to run in his view from the date when the building was handed

subject of an action for breach of ontract. Gibson LJ said: "For my part, I am not impressed with the prophecy of unjust denial of relief to plaininvestment brokers and the like owe their client a duty of care poi tiffs who have discovered a to cause purely economic or negligent defect but are not financial loss, architects and entitled to relief in contract and consulting engineers do not owe are faced by the prospect of physical damage which has not yet been caused but is likely to this duty to their clients, but only a duty of care to avoid causing physical damage or persona

lt follows, therefore, that if say, seven years after a building has been completed (and a claim for breach of contract has become statute-barred six years tive of when damage was caused) the owner finds that due to negligent design the running costs for the building are far in excess of what they reasonably ought to be, there can be no

While often this will be good news for the designer, as this case physical damage does result from the negligence at a much later date, the period for which

is shown to be impending, is likely to occur in the immediate future, it seems to me that the

ourt rejected this as clearly the

not require that a defendant pay damages in tort for a defect in design which in Lord Fraser's

words 'may never lead to any action against the designer. "Secondly, if a negligent defect is discovered and the building owner can prove an

immediate duty of clear need in protection of himself or others or of the building, to carry out repairs to remove the defect so as the designer is at risk will be greatly extended. to avoid physical damage which

law would accept such a situation as proof of damage. In relation to the "doomed

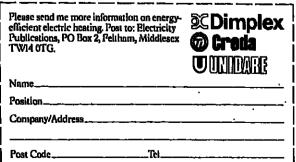
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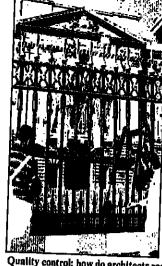
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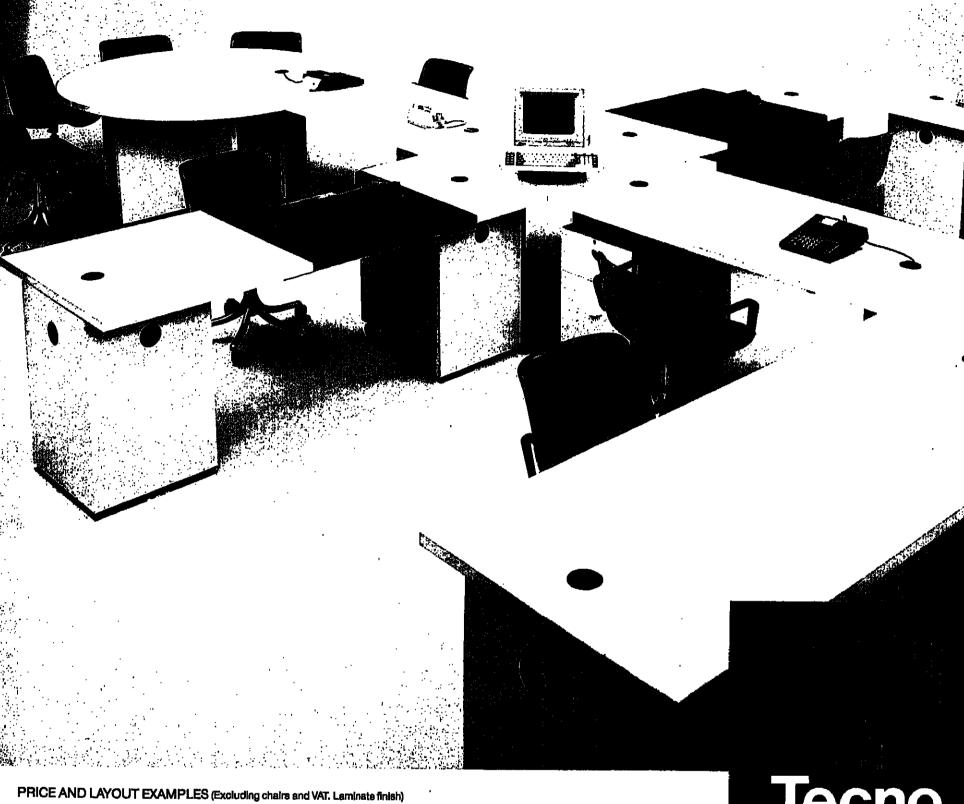
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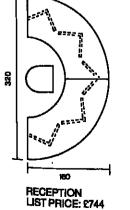
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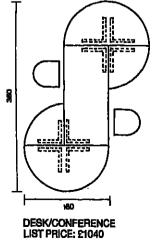
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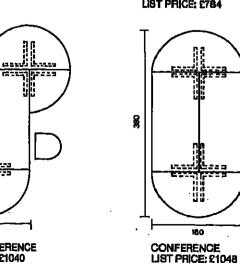
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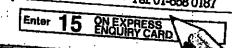
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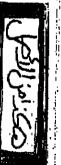
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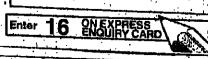
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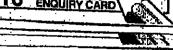


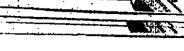


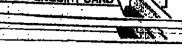


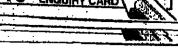


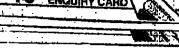


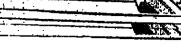


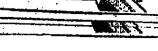






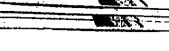


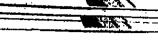


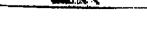


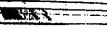




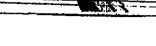
























"THAT'S the Congo that's Nottingham ... that's Havana . . . that's Berkhamstead . . . " Paul Hogarth was showing me some of the illustrations from his new book. In case you can't imagine what theme could possibly link these locations, it's a bookful of pictures of Graham Greene settings, called Graham Greene country, by Paul Hogarth and Graham Greene (Pavilion Books,

£17.95). Hogarth is nearly 69. Bearded, and quietly spoken, he looks upon himsell as an artistreporter, and admires those who in Victorian times sent back visual dispatches from the furthest-flung corners of the empire to be published in the Illustrated London News, in the process helping to develop the strong English tradition of illus-

Greene, equally, could merit the title of a novelist-reporter. He spent some time working as a journalist, and even now claims not to create from his imaginathat all his settings are based on

real locations meant Hogarth from life.

Hogarth has had a long association with Greene, having for more than 20 years provided the illustrations on the cover of Greene's Penguin editions, But until this project the two had never met. On their first meeting, Hogarth produced a selec-tion of the Latin-American and Caribbean work he had produced for the book. Greene, it seems, was impressed. He became fascinated with the project, enthusiastically contributing the essential information about the identity and wheretion —only to describe. The fact abouts of locations. Southeraw,

was able to illustrate the novels takes place, is in reality Clacton-

Hogarth has also had a long association with architecture. For architects, perhaps his most famous book is Drawing architecture. But Brian Hatton once described him, uptly enough, as an artist of architectural leatures, not details. The particular aspects of architecture that seem to interest him are those that would catch the eye of an author, not an architect. For this reason, he is not, like Ben Johnson, an architect's artist. "I see architecture as an image

the backwash of history — and I'm very affected by architecture Hogarth has in the past described himself as a "topowhich evokes a sentiment — as a graphical and satirical illussymbol," he says. "That doesn't

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ciate the finer points of archi-tecture — I do. But I do use it as a mean?

Tim Ostler talks to artist-reporter Paul Hogart

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Graham Green country has

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results have just been published.

background for some kind of "I'm interested in the social aspect of architecture," he says, The buildings he likes to draw "and I use buildings as symbols and paint are objects about against which various things which atmosphere has achappen." Buildings inexorably cumulated over a period of record the traces of their buildtime. "It began on early travels ers and occupiers, and perhaps to central and Eastern Europe," in this way topographical porhe explained, "where for the first traiture comes closest to social time I saw the great cathedrals comment. A portrait of a person and palaces. I'm very sensitive to can only record one personality. A portrait of a place, because it is formed by an accumulation of personal and social events, has the potential to express the character of that

> He referred to a series of watercolours describing the background to The power and the glory, pointing to a drawing of the gateway to a Mexican cemetery, which bore the legend "silencio": "This does feature in the novel. It's no longer classical, as it was described in the book. It was rebuilt: but it's equally forbidding."
> Following his travels to

Eastern Europe, in the mid-50s Hogarth held an exhibition at the Architectural Association, called "Buildings and Pcople" His work at that time was closely bound up with the theme of the post-war reconstruction of Europe. The "people" in the title referred to those who were

engaged in carrying this out.
Today, by contrast, Hogarth's focus has shifted from the activity of construction to the more passive process of decay. in one sense, a building shrouded with scaffolding could be said to be as sketchy and picturesque as a ruin. But there seems more to it than that. [asked him if he agreed that his nordinate interest in the decalent and the crumbling was equivalent to Greene's preecupation with the whisky priest rather than the brisk Jesuit, the lonely traitor rather than the national hero ?

"Yes, the flawed," said Hogarth, laughing as if in confir-mation, with that sudden wheezy heartiness. "I must say I felt completely at home with this kind of subject. I'm very fond of he seedy. It must have substance: it must have character.

Undoubtedly one people look at the #1 painters in public is to ad "Greene and I are both travellers, with a background in the artist's view of a scent their own. And perhaps same could be said of the ournalism. I think that's the onnection. We have the wander who are likely to buy this hisi, with a compulsion to see Why do we like to look a

extension, the illustrate at any time before," he said, hecause of the clashesofo "because it needed a tremenit generated and the m dous amount of experience to has. You've got to be deter-**NOW**

get the drawings done in the right way at the right time.
"It's an assignment that has

called for a great deal of tuct and diplomacy, as well as stamina - dealing with officialdom: "In and the ability to get a drawing Zaire they wouldn't give me done under any circumstances." To an illustrator of Hogarth's experience, skills such as being able to paint a watercolour in the pouring rain are taken for granted. "That's the journalist's background — a resource which I don't believe the average artist drawings were done in a leper

mined to get your material. I'll go into someone's bedroom if it has the right view."

What proved more tricky was permission to draw the Congo River — which I did anyway. I could have been arrested. And of course if they put you in jail, you have to prove your innocence - and it's a hell of a job. But luckily, in Zaire, most of my

Participate for in finish strange with the contract Mosque, Freetown, from *The heart of the matter*.

The book Hogarth was illus- entes, northern Argentina, trating at the time was A burnt out case, Greene's story of a successful architect who loses his faith and retreats to work in a nospital in the then Belgian Congo. The story culminates in the design and construction of a new ward block. It is reputedly based on a true story, and Hogarth found the very building in question, designed in a sort of

buildings there - including offices where Greene worked as which was the location for The human factor. Then I met, quite by accident, a British emigrant whose uncle was a fan of Spain with his son to illustrate Greene's, and knew all the Monsignor Quixote, every one of

the 50,000 miles Hogarth travel-One surprise for Hogarth was the architectural quality of one place not normally considered particularly exotic. "Notting- one has to travel alone, to savour ham was just as interesting as colonial art deco.

Did he ever draw a complete blank? "I nearly did in Corriblank? "I nearly did in Corriblank" Havana or Haiti, "he said, going on to enthuse about Walter Forthergill, architect of many

places that Greene had visited.

Except for a car trip round

led had to be covered on his own. "It was a lonely business," he confided. "But Greene agrees: every moment. You've just got to go all out, all the hours that you are there. It's hell while it lasts."

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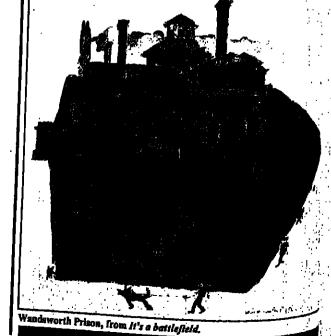
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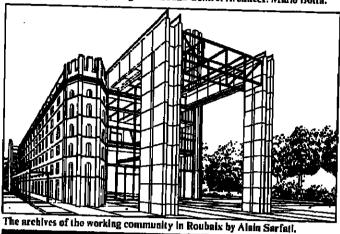
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The Villeurbanne Book, Image and Sound Centre. Architect: Mario Botta.



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EVENTS preceding the recent elections in France confirmed that the socialist administration there has been using architecture for

First there was the exhibition of "Grands projets (major state ojects)" staged in the Centre ompidou from early February. Supposedly covering the principal architectural projects sponsored by the state during the 10 years leading up to the change in the "architectural and

bicentenary of the revolution urban physionomy of Paris" (1879-89), it actually omitted which it began. The exhibition any comment on the only such confined itself to 10 projects: building erected before the the Orsay Museum; the Grand socialist regime, the Centre Louvre; the International Pompidou itself, the opening of Carrefour (literally "crossroads") of Communication at Instead, the host building was Tète-Défense; the Arab World simply labelled "the first major Institute; the Opéra Populaire at international amenity in the capital since the turn of the the Bastille; the National Museum of Science and Incentury". The organisers (right-

Ministry of Finance.

dustry, the park and the Music

City at La Villette; and the new

This exhibition seemed to be

designed expressly for the Parisian market - the voters who had already elected Chirac, as mayor - since it excluded any mention of the government's provincial projects. This was infortunate, at least from an architectural point of view, because this latter category includes the most promising schemes — the School of Dance at Marseilles by Roland Simounet, highly acclaimed for the new Picasso Museum; the audacious transformation of two fairly nondescript factories into the Cartoon-Strip Museum at Angoulême by Roland Castro;

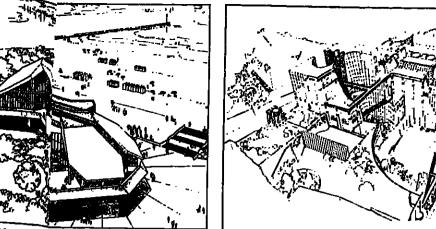
from this decade.

Paris and, later in then and the exciting conversion and are proof enough of the extension of the Motte-Bossut there has also been then cotton mills at Roubaix by Alain ion at Centre Pompile exhibitions of many ind The exhibition, in this Parisian context, surprisingly neglected the scheme on the Montagne Ste Genevieve and the refurbishment of four major museums in the city (the Natural History Museum, the Ethnological through these exhibition Museum, the Palace of Disof which have focuseded covery and the National Technical Muscum), although these scule models. But what effect is the had been added to the official list of government likely by

of Grands projets before the these Cirands projections what surprising to Bridge that it will probably adduction, even though the surprising to Bridge that it will probably adduction, even though the surprise comments is comment. exhibition was organised. This only reinforces suspicion of the essentially rhetorical intention behind presenting 10 projects government is com Secondly, there was the drasevere cuts in public of matic performance on March 13 iture. True, one of in which the president opened the first of the Grands projects victims of such cuts to be completed, the new science museum—the "City of Sciences and Industry"—at La Villette. Carrefour Internation Communication, which longer to be used for the for which it was design this might save the The museum was, however, nowhere near finished by this administration from the date and the celebration, attended by tens of thousands of rassment that such turous (some would nvited guests, bore little redefined) project was he semblance to an opening. It was bring them; and in any of building itself will be comp more of a festival to mark the simultaneously sighting of Halalbeit somewhat latti

ley's Comet and the satellite Originally envisaged.
Otherwise the Grandif - which explains the timing of the event, 11pm to have only been subject Public reaction to such an impact of which will be overtly political use of architecrestricted to deferring it ture can be deduced from entries completion dates. Thesa in the visitors' book at the had taken great care 10 a Centre Pompidou exhibition. that virtually all the People seem to welcome this were too lar advanced massive expenditure by the time of the elections for state, although perhaps because it is perceived in terms of be dropped afterwards only scheme not yet on cultural amenities rather than of City of Music, is to be poned, but its natur If any single project remains geographical situation ublous in the eyes of the man in

the least feasible, political the street it is no longer I M Pei's pyramid "despoliating" the The explanation for the apoleonic courtyard of the government's continued high-level expenditured projects in the cultural part and ouvre, despite the strength of the initial protest against it (which, one now suspects, was led mainly by aesthetes), but the Opera Populaire at the Bastille. major political aremin Large number of people and it would be politi



The National Marine Centriler by J Rougerie.

representing a broad se to withdraw support from them. of society visited thises Furthermore, Chirac, as mayor with a fair percentage of Paris, has obvious reasons for bothering to sit three favouring the development of almost hour-long vie cultural amenities in his own which the architects to city, a fact which Mitterand (a their own projects). We self-proclaimed regionalist) prising of all, however, in seems to have exploited with the that the paperback am emphasis his Grands projets the development of Min place on the capital. Grands projects, Let h It is not that Chirac has to

Mitterand by Francis of offer his electorate "bread and (an employee of the circuses" in order to keep them financed Institut d'Ar voting for him (his seat is quite ture), has hit the best-sele safe) but rather that his pride in with the major chains the city is akin to that of any sellers unable to keep regionalist in his own provincial public demand for it.

Such mubils internal projects outside Paris are sit-Such public interest projects outside Paris are sitpolitical exploitation of unted in constituencies where tecture may seem strang the position of the right is more in France, both derive precarious, so that the governpolicies of Giscard de ment dare not reduce the notably his "Loi surp funding promised by their tecture" and "1,000 Joc predecessors for fear of the l'Architecture", whicher consequent loss of votes and ed to bring architecte seats in the next round of

Mitterand built on covering all the arts in France,

foundations; the soci programme of Grandsprogramme of Grandsprogramme will be from Place Henry de will be from Place Henry de Montherlant, rue de Belle-chasse), Metro: Solferino. The restoration of the exterior is now finished, but access to the projects. The fact the before the opening of the museum, in December this to criticise the Pompides bition (primarily forms museum, in December this year. There is no longer any explanatory exhibition on site, but part of the future collection familiarisation with ante is on display in the Musée d'Art

et d'Essai, Palais de Tokyo (Metro: Iena, Alma-Marceau). The collection will also include works hitherto displayed on the Jeu de Paume (Metro: Concorde) and the Louvre. For the latest information ring Léone Nora, 45-44-41-85. Le Grande Louvre

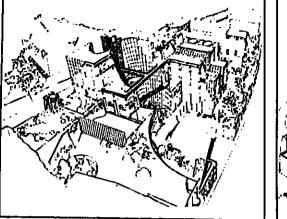
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The permanent display of the archaeological excavations in the Cour Carree is already open to the public; the construction of I M Pei's pyramid in the Cour Napoleon will begin this autumn, and the reception area beneath it should be completed by the end of next year. Meanwhile, there is an explanatory exhibition of the entire project, including an enormous model, in a temporary building on the place du Carousel (at the Tulleries end of the Cour Napoleon). For the latest information ring Dominique Gambler, 42-97-09-84 or 42-97-

RERAI: La Défense Work began on site last summer:

most of the structure of Otto von Spreckelsen's cube (or arch) should be finished this year, but may be delayed, as this is the project most affected by the change of government. The last opening date given was late 1988. For the latest information ring Youssef Baccouche, 45-38-52-53-

The Arab World Institute Qual St Bernard, Metro: Jussieu. The building (by the youngish ocialist favourite, Jean Nouvel) is now nearing completion, and should be open to the public explanatory exhibition. For the de Portzamparc's scheme for the



The National Comic Strip Centre, Roland Castro and Jean Remond,

wake of cuts by the new govern-

Montagne St Genevieve (con-

ference centre, principally for

promoting the new technologies,

and government offices, mainly

relating to research in such

technologies). Park, swimming

pool, etc. for the local com-

munity, and fire station/housing for firemen). Block contained by

latest information ring Alain City of Music, to be built at this end of the park. (The opening was scheduled for late 1988, but Chenal, 45-49-04-30. The new Ministry of Finance at will probably be delayed in the

Bercy Metro: Bercy, Quai de la Rapée, Quai de la Gare, Gare de Lyon. Some of the associated buildings (mainly housing stock to replace that lost in clearing the site for the ministry building itself) will be finished this summer; work has also begun on the main buildings, whose completion is not due before summer 1988. There is an explanatory exhibition at 16 quai de la Rapée, Bercy. Open Monday-Friday, 10am-7pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm For latest details ring Brigitte Barcella, 42-97-23-82. The Opera Populaire at the

Place de la Bastille/rue de Lyon,

Work is under way on site; the opera is due to open for the 1989-

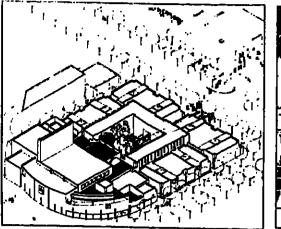
90 season. For further informtown planning into they clections. ation ring Agnès Dépigny, 48-arena. Orsay Museum (a museum 07-15-20. La Villette

For the Museum of Science and Technology (including the ema) the nearest Metro is Porte de La Villette, but for the Grande Halle the nearest metro is Porte de Pantin; the Zenith (the hall for pop concerts) lies midway between the two, in the middle of the park which

Although the official opening of the museum took place in spring, some sections did not open until late summer; entrance to the building itself is free, but a charge is made for entry into certain (permanent) exhibitions within it. The Geode is proving particularly popular (don't be put off by the queues to the museum itself — one never has to wait more than 20 minutes to get in, and once inside there's plenty of space for everyone. As tickets for the hourly cinema shows can only be bought on the day, it is advisable to arrive several hours in advance to secure them (one can visit the museum and park while waiting) and to avoid weekends if at all possible. The museum is open from 2pm to 10pm (closed on Mondays) Some of the information officers in the entrance hall speak English, and can be identified by their special badges. It is possible to hire headphones (in the entrance hall and also on the first floor) for the English Tête-Défense (Carrefour Inter- translation of the audio-visuals, and the commentary Planetarium,

Concerts are held from time to time in the Zenith (usually at weekends) and even in the Grande Hall (which is primarily intended for temporary exhibi-

The first section of the park (10 hectares out of the total 35) is also open. The development of La Villette (and its history) is explained on in formation panels scattered throughout the park and in free brochures in the museum or from a temporary building b the Porte de Pantin entrance to the park; the latter also contains early next year. There is no a large-scale model of Christian



Natural History Museum

Monge, Jussieu, Gare d'Auster-

Montagne Ste Genevieve, rue des Ecoles, rue Monge, rue du an Evolution Museum; opening Cardinal Lemoine, rue Clovis, is due in 1989. rue Descatres: Metro: Curdina Musée de l'Homme (anthropo-Lemoine, Maubert-Mutualité. logical and ethnological collect This scheme was completed some time ago. The gurdens are Palais de Chaillot, Metro

open to the public during Trocadero. The renovation programme here is primarily concerned with Jardin des Plantes, Metro: the presentation of the collec-

completed next year.

tions; the first stage is to be

The Zoological Gallery, which has been closed for the last Palais de la Découverte (didactic displays explaining basic scien-

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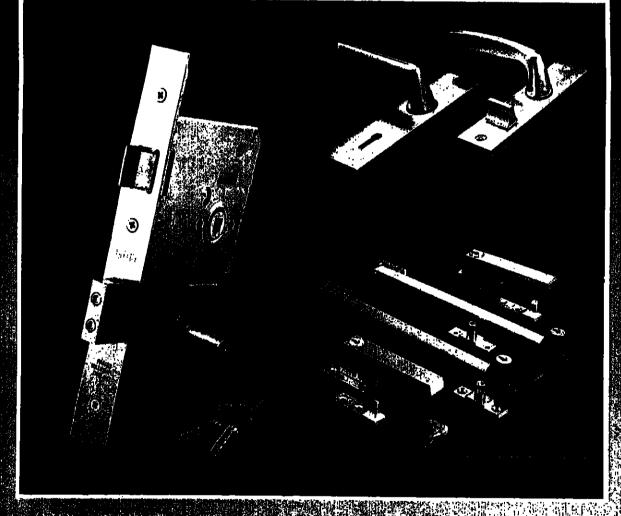
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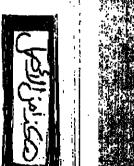
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internal rearrangement The Museum of Agricultural Machines, Chartres

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The museum is to be housed in a former steam-engine depot, which is being converted by Robert and Reichen. Completion is due in early 1988.

The National Contemporary Art Centre and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Grenoble

This combines two projects which have both been discussed for some time. First, there is the creation of a new home for the existing modern art collection in the Musée des Beaux-Arts at Grenoble. This is one of the finest collections of its type in provincial France, due to its curator of the 1920s, Andre Farcy, having been a close friend Picasso, Matisse and the now in progress.

in return for a guarantee of their display, at a time when they could not yet sell their works in Paris or New York. It is housed in part of the 19th century museum/library building in the town, an arrangement which benefits neither the collection nor its setting (a building which is a fine example of its type, but inappropriate for the display of modern art).

Secondly, there is the creation of a centre for contemporary art originally promised by Jack Lang as the place which would take art "beyond Pompidou" (works were to be passed on to other institutions when they reached 15 years of age).

This will comprise both a research centre (library and archives etc) and exhibition galleries. It is to be housed in Gustave Eiffel's Halle Bouchayer, built for the 1900 World Fair at Grenoble, the restoration of the building has been completed, and conversion is

Projects outside Paris

The National Comic Strip Centre, Angoulème
This developed from the annual International Cartoon held in this town since 1973.

The building, a conversion and extension of two existing factory buildings, has been designed by Roland Castro and Jean Remond (the former being the architect responsible for

"Banlieue '89", a series of interventions in rundown suburban estates. Completion is due in autumn 1988. The National School of Photo-

graphy, Arles
This developed from the International Exhibition of Photography, held in the town since It is the first such institution in France, and is open to overseas students as well as to French

The building, a 17th century convent, has been restored and converted by Jean Massota. It is

Roman history, excavation began here at the turn of the century but has never been extended to the whole site. During the next 10 years systematic excavation will take place over the entire 135 hec-

tares, which will then be turned into a tourist site with its own museum. The architects for this project are Caudin and Grillot. The first phase is now complete. The National Marine Centre, pulogne-sur-Mer

The Bibracte Archaeological

One of the most important

archaeological sites in Gallo-

This will consist of a museum of marine life - marine flora and fauna, the fishing industry and the exploitation of marine resources - together with a research centre for the exploitation of marine wealth (effectively a branch of the Science and Industry Museum at La Villette).

The building will be based on the former Casino, which is being converted and extended by J Rougerie. The National Music Conserv-

atory, Lyons The present premises of the music conservatory are too small and lacking in the facilities

needed for higher education in music, this institution is to move into the buildings of the former veterinary school, which is being converted. In addition a new building alongside will contain an acoustic laboratory and a public auditorium.

The architect is Pierre-André Lablande, and completion is due in May 1987.

The Lumière Institute, Lyons The former home of the Lumière brothers, the inventors of the cinema, is a magnificent example of a bourgeois residence in the art nouveau style; for several years now it has housed the National Photographic Centre - a collection of photographs from all periods and a series of gallenes for displaying (mostly

modern) work. The site adjoining this has now been purchased for the development of an institute specialising in audiovisual material. The School of Dance, Marseilles A new School of Dance is to be

established at Marseilles. It will also provide a permanent base for the Roland Petit National Ballet Company The architectural project consists of the conversion of a former tram depot tonly 10 minutes by

Metro from the city contact UMMER brings the season responsible is Roland Sign for the 150 to La Villette for evening Museum in Paris in prectacles and enthusiasts Museum in Paris, the poto La vinette for evening in Paris, the pectacles and enthusiasts "conversion" is unlike learch frantically for somejustice to the scheme one with a spare colour film The Royal Ropeing while local people wander

An International Managers of the 21st century, of Commerce and Institute Protection of the Counted Einstein in the to be housed in the dissa, newly inaugurated Science factory set up by Colber Museum as late as 10pm.

late 17th century to Meanwhile, away from the hemp ropes for the factivity, Tschumi's first folly is navy. The building, theing carefully constructed. by Blondel, are being existending demurely alone on a by Mastorakis, Oudin, the triangle described by clipped the site is being lander poplars, it awaits its initiation.

Recount Lassus Bernard Lassus. Similarly, the site for the new

The Black, Image and Opera House at the Bastille was Centre, Villeurbanne recently deluged by 400,000 Villeurbanne is a new 160 young people attending a pop oiltsule Lyons, founded concert for SOS Racism. The century agao by the new building, at present only a doctor Luzare Goujon hole in the ground, was intended always provided social to facilitate opera on an equally educational focusion popular scale. But this has educational facilities, popular scale. But this has unusually high standard become a matter of speculation project—a glorified me, as the new minister of culture, library—has been dese. Francois Leotard, is determined Mario Botta. Completen to save as much of the planned at the end of next year.

The same of the planned expenditure as possible. This means that the Opera House means that the Opera House could simply become a musical auditorium. The machinery

> the world is to be scrapped along with the scenery workshops. As Pierre Boulez, the French composer appointed vice-president of the project, plaintively pointed out, "to change the destiny of architecture in the process of construction, by making an opera into an audi-

intended to create the most

efficient operatic auditorium in

torium, is an abberation". This controversial change in WINDS OF CHANGE

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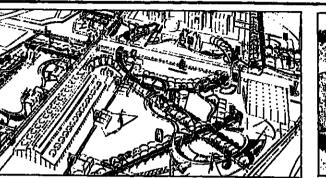
importance, that is if the state

function for which it is tailored,

monumentally and practically,

is unfulfilled. The ministry is

moving back into the Louvre,



To the east, away from the ment. It is unsure whether this

GLAZING SYSTEMS: LET THERE BE LIGHT

direction also puts the Music cultural hub of the capital, more City at La Villette in jeopardy. The commission for a complex containing a music school, a museum and experimental performance hall was won by Christian de Portzamparc. His office continues the scheme enthusiastically but the acoustic tests on the proposed oval performance hall, designed in consultation with Boulez, may prove to be futile. The programme may have to change in response to the denatured re-erecting partitions demounproposal for the Opera House. ted by the previous Govern-

means that the Finance Ministry cranes stand over the massive will not move to the less concrete pillars which will prestigous cast of the city at all or wait until the building support the viaduct-like structure of the new finance ministry. completed in 1988. Its river front face looks be-This makes the redevelop ment of the Louvre, topped by nignly over the Seine and one Pei's pyramid, a little lopside may eventually come to wonder why the building is so stiff with just at a time when public

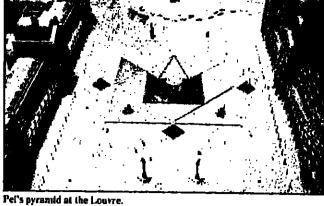
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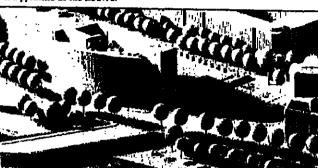
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favour. The scheme depends on

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The Arab Institute by Jean Nouvel.

are being sold. Its destiny as an International Communications Centre erased; the side towers are already a private concern. The structure, almost at podium level, should now continue at the rate of one floor every four days.

Despite the air of uncertainty one of the Grand projets will be finished untainted by the political winds of change. Jean Nouvel's Arab Institute with its envelope almost completed is full of delights. Test panels for the southern camera shutter wall are in position; behind this

with a spiral tower which has splendid views over Paris. The museum to the north ends in a knife point, where the facade of lions is being hung in place.

Some of the projects such as the Arab Institute or Rice. Francis Ritchie's gravity-defying glass additions to the Science Museum, already bear witness to the potential success of this architectural investment. It can only be hoped that the remaining urban interventions will not foster the kind of compromise facade the library is terminated exemplified by les Halles.

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THE Royal Academy Show that cost £500,000, "New Architecture: Foster, Rog-ers, Stirling", is exhibited in the prime space at the top of the stairs with Stirling straight ahead, Rogers to the left and Foster to the right.

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It was perhaps also significant on press day that Foster's exhibit was totally complete and in working order, Rogers' was incomplete but the photo-graphic handouts handsome and plentiful, the Stirling/ Wilford exhibits were having the lights tinkered with, and Quinlan Terry was in the background (an ex-Stirling assistant), disparaging the whole effort for the benefit of television cameras.

All the exhibitors are associates of the Royal Academy, but unlike other artists who are privileged to display their works, the brief asked simply for two projects from each archi-tect, one built and one a project. This scenario gives a lack of balance, because it is difficult to obtain an overall impression of a designer's career from such a narrow spectrum. It would be like asking Elizabeth Frink to display one horse and one maquette: it is neither fair to the artist nor the public.

To make amends, the Royal Academy has issued a splendid educational pack for schools and there is also a well-produced book by Deyan Sudjle to coincide with the exhibition. In addition, there is the promise of unchtime lectures on the parlcipants, and evening events with contempories like Jeremy Dixon, Piers Gough and Peter Rice talking on New Architecture. Despite all this promotion, there seems to have been a history of problems with the

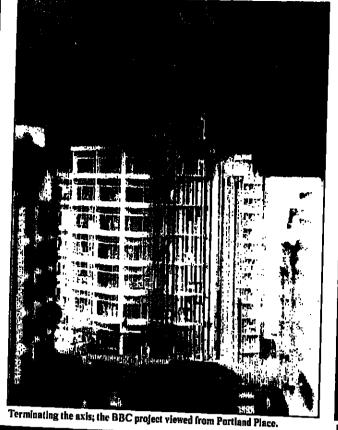
exhibition design in relation to the three primadonnas; the final arrangements in each area being the result of the trio going their

At that level, the highest accolade has to be given to Norman Foster, where the gallery spaces have been made to work to maximum effect. The first salon is dedicated to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank with large-scale models and crisp drawings plus multiple presentation of slides and soundtrack, the theme setting the scene of Hong Kong as well as telling the story of one of the most ingenious buildings built in this decade. The concept of the building in the city is also demonstrated with ideas for a public space to connect the tower to the waterside.

The second salon is devoted to the unbuilt BBC headquarters in Langham Place and illustrates clearly the enormous range of talent available from the Foster team to explore design options for a demanding client. It also shows the flexibility that the best of modern design can contribute to society rather than the straitjacket of neo-Georgian favoured by other Royal Acad-

The largest gallery stands on the opposite and appropriately lest-handed vista, and is occupied by the two Rogers exhibits, the main emphasis being on making a "Cityfor People". The centrepiece is a shimmering lake of real water, poised dangerously at just above sitting level, which leads the eye to a reconstruction of Hungerford Bridge with railway and Embankment traffic jams swept away for a pedestrian and monorail link between the South Bank and





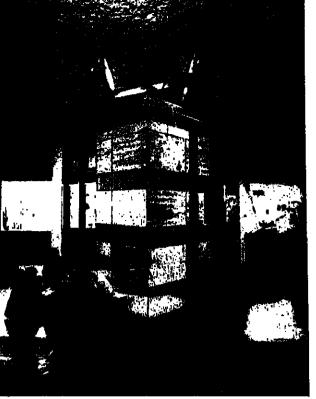
GOLD YEARS

Alan Blanc was at the frontoffe Royal Academy for the opening of "New Architecture: Forking". (Photos: Geoff Beeckman.)

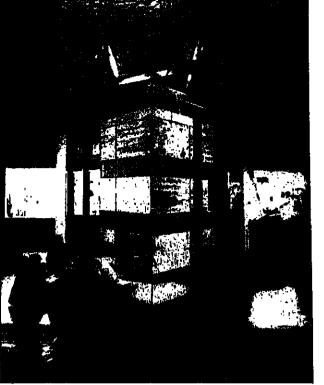


If at first you don't succeed: BBC massing models.

w explanatory model of the Stuttgart Staatsgalerie.



Six tons of stone and steel from Stuttgart.



tion of follies and restaurants dismembered parts of Rogers' abortive National Gallery com-

All this has been tried before by Edwin Lutyens in a Roman manner, but the attractive parts of Rogers' architecture are the in some ways reminiscent of Hugh Casson's sketches for the '51 Exhibition.

Unfortunately, the technical aspects for dealing with traffic below ground are not as competent as the intended works above. It does seem strange that such a 21st century vision should not be accompanied by six-lane underwater tunnels for both banks instead of just a single four-lane road on the Embank-

ment side.
The Lloyd's building is featured in the context of contribupresentation lacks the sparkle of Foster's multiple slide presentation for the Hongkong Bank.

The most remarkable aspect

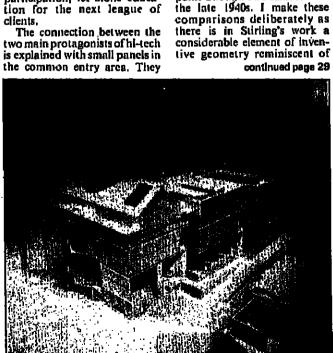
of Lloyd's is that such a conservative branch of the Establishment should have given the lead in progressive concepts and which has presented the City of London with a world-class building of our own time. The qualities of workmanship and finish shine out from the pictures, the RA having organised view can be seen in reality. What a splendid idea for public participation, let alone educa-tion for the next league of

early partnership (1963-67), houses for family and friends, thence Reliance Controls and the larger jobs that came as the practices grew apart. What is not explained is the way that the client, in choosing one or the other, is selecting a systematic design process, whether the budget is lavish or small. Both firms in fact are involved in product development and it was pity that components or furniture were not used as adjuncts to the building dis-

My concluding accolade is that Lloyd's and the Hongkong Architecture" without thereservations that I have on the third

The captioning at the entry states in the top line STIRLING set at a distance above his competitors; this raising of status, I suppose, could be attributed to age, or perhaps bulk, I had better confess that the skeleton in Stirling's cup-board, namely the History Library, Cambridge, is a worrisome feature that can never be quite forgotten when looking at the current work of Stirling and Wilford. I, like many others, was taken in by the library's geo-metric delights which were recorded in every detail back in

The situation today is a building that has narrowly missed demolition and is in a tumbledown condition, as Lubetkin's masterpieces Highpoint One and Two came to be in



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WHILE Ben Johnson has estab- changing light conditions lished a considerable following through the day. for his remarkable paintings based on architectural projects Ken Kirkwood's night-time by Norman Foster and James Stirling, the night view of the central spine of Inmos is his first painting of a Richard Rogers building.

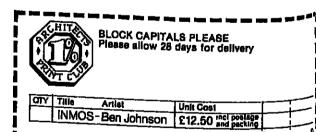
Johnson first visited the pioneering microchip factory in a record of the architect's of a selection of Ben Johnson's Wales shortly after its opening while the building was still in pristine condition, and he took Rogers' office to ensure its London for one month from numerous photographs in the accuracy.

only to discover the spine had been changed virtually beyond recognition. Johnson decided to proceed with a painting but felt impelled to consider his work as intentions, so he went back to consult the working drawings in be held at Fischer Fine Art in

Johnson sees the painting as a tribute to the "wonderful com-Prompted by photographer bination of engineering and architecture" at Inmos and as shot, he later revisited Inmos, such credits the inspired teamwork of Tony Hunt and Richard Rogers.

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Golden years

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that shown by Lubetkin and of another Russian Constructivist, Konstantin Melnikov.

Of course at Stuttgart, the image has been updated, the skin of tiles replaced by stone veneer and the Caryatids replaced by dumpy Moscovite Doric columns taken from their metro. Despite these asides the external promenade at the Staatsgalerie is in fact one of the most enjoyable public spaces made by a "modern" and is brought to life at the Academy with a fine series of evocative back-illuminated colour pictures plus a chunk of the building that is put full-size on the central axis as a sculptural

The photo material selected is, however, not particularly nonest, as it does not demonstrate the poor quality of lighting in the picture galleries and neither does it show the heavy diagrid ceiling with metal channels (painted the inevitable bilious green) casting shadows on the canvases and walls alike; the other problem for the Staatsgalerie curator being the cross reflections from French windows that occur in most exhibition areas.

Stirling's abandoned National Gallery project has benefited in those respects from the Stuttgart experiment, out one has yet to see whether Venturi's efforts will produce as nteresting an experience n terms of the volumetric progresnons that are Stirling's special-

There is another exhibition concerning British Design, at the Royal College of Art, called "Did Britain Make It?" It Make It" show at the V and A in 1946. It seems relevant to make comparisons between the personalities involved at either end of the 40-year epoch and to end on a pensive and philosophical note, namely how short fame is

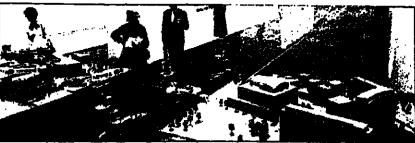
today.
The "Britain Can Make It" exhibition allegedly cost more than £1 million to stage (£15 million or so at today's prices) and was aimed at showing how swords could be turned into ploughshares and that "design" had an essential role in this

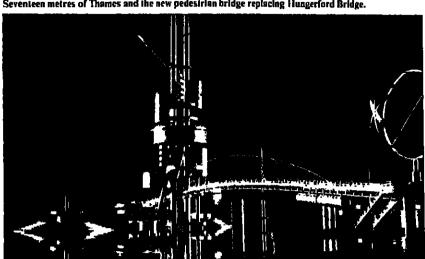
The architectural designers were relative youngsters with Basil Spence (39) FRS Yorke compared with Foster 51. Rogers 53 and Stirling 60. The cutting edge of technology in those days was carried by Christopher Nicholson (42) and Wells Coates (51), Nicholson's contribution being a hi-tech office while Coates showed his newly invented windsail; their direction being the line that Foster and Rogers have opened up in the past two decades.

at Knightsbridge.

Spence's background was much more conventional, with tached, however, then the other pre-war experience in expensive academicians with architec housebuilding using traditional tural axes to grind should be methods, plus a consumpte skill given their chance. with pencil and watercolour. There is one final moral, in The designs that made him financial terms, namely the lack lamous in the post-war period of British clients for the New were exhibitions and where Architecture, it is worth spelling Spence's imagination was inout that of the three built jobs volved in sculptured spaces in only one was in England. The the post-Corbusian mode. His three unbuilt projects were all in permanent outldings, like Co-London. ventry Cathedral or the Guards Barracks, also had this theatneal quality, but their reputation was marred by technical difficulties; poor acoustics, air-

"New Architecture: Foster, Rogers, Stirling" is at the Royal Academy until December 21 open 10am-6pm dally, entrance £2.50, concessions for students and unemployed on Sunday mornings. The catalogue book hy Deyan Sudjic (Thames & Hudson) is £10.50. conditioning and lighting at Coventry and a ton of melted ice that smashed the Colonel's car





One can ask students today . who was Basil Spence? Few

will know the answer. Time will

tell whether Spence's reputation

will be salvaged, but one comes

away from the RAshow with the

sad feeling that there are con

siderable affinities between the

One of the difficulties today is

that there is far less time to

secure success than previously

and the exhibitors at the Ac-

ademy perhaps have only an

other 10 years or so left before

the next generation takes over

One wishes the three of them a

longer period of fruitful work but the competitive commercia

world of design is now a

treadmill that wears out many of

One nopes also that the RA will put architecture again into

their main galleries, but next

time will give their public a wider

range of examples, as well as the opportunity for those architects

selected to demonstrate their

work over a lifetime, as any

I have recently been lecturing the States on British architect

and took with me a range of material and slides from a doze

leading practices with widely

differing attitudes. The RA wil no doubt respond, that is specialist viewpoint. However

he public will come away from the current Foster-Rogers-

Stirling show with a very narrow

idea of the New Architecture That is really a shame, because

40 years have elapsed since the last attempt to exhibit buildings at Burlington House. The present exhibition would not have

happened without the designers

Bovis, British Gypsum, Canary

Wharf Development, Electricity Council, Gartner, Otis

If the art of architecture at the

Academy is going to have

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Finishing touches by Tetra Design Services who made all Rogers' models. Photo: G Chalifour

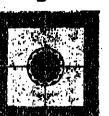
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Although it has been likened to an offshore jacket structure, the design, analysis and man-ufacture of the bank is very much more advanced and complex. The building embodies a high degree of structural integration with services and architecture which produces a compact building of exceptional visual and material quality and efficiency of space utilisation.

There are a number of particular structural features that make this possible. The 200m high veirendeel masts, which are central to the concept, reduce to a minimum the obstruction of the structure to the internal planning: they allow uninterrupted movement through the main structural elements of the building at all levels.

The suspension structures allow the base of the building to be entirely open and creates a

Ove Arup & Partners were structural engineers on the six projects in the exhibition. BD asked three of the practice directors to describe their involvement, beginning with Jack Zunz.

public plaza of quality and scale. The framework comprises a minimum of components with the aim of providing large span, column-free spaces in which the services and space planning can be organised to the greatest

Modular component design was introduced into the building on a scale not attempted pre-viously in building design, the aim being to improve the installed quality of the building and to reduce the overall time of construction. Of particular note are the 140 prefrabricated and precommissioned service modules, each weighing between 30 and 50 tonnes, which contained the services for the super-

The structural concept was developed to allow the building massing to conform to Hong Kong height and shadow planning restrictions, but also to allow a future 40 per cent expansion in floor area to be realised without modification and strengthening of the main framework or foundations. The expansion would be realised by infilling the multi-level void atriums in the building and the setbacks on its east side.

The performance requirements of the structural components of the building have resulted in the application of materials and manufacturing

technology from engineering fields outside of the traditional building industry. For example, the size and thickness of the tubulars within the masts involved the research and then the application of manufacturing techniques more often associated with pressure vessels. Also, the required performance characteristics of the connections in the suspension structures led to the introduction of large main-

cations. Although the fabrication techniques used have been applied in some advanced offshore structures, the dimen-

mechanical engineering appli-

limitations have been much more restricting than for offshore structures, principally because of the transportation and erection limitations limiting the length and weight of ele-ments. Special details had to be developed to reduce the effect of restrictions. The prefinished, prefabri-

cated nature of the building components required careful tenance-free spherical bearings, control of manufacturing and normally associated with heavy construction standards to ensure the required quality was achieved in the completed building. Manufacture was generally on an assembly line basis and procurement on a huge inter-national scale; the steel frame-work in the UK, the cladding in the US, the service modules in Japan etc. In response to these demands, a quality assurance approach was developed for each sub-contract. An essential aspect of this approach was the extensive use of models, mockups and prototypes to demon-strate the acceptability of worknanship and materials.

Assurance of the engineering integrity of the design was founded on the following prin-

A commitment to a formalised analysis approach involving the use of computer techilques to enable the whole framework model to be generated and modified as required direct from a simple data base.
As an extension to the technique work involved predicing As an extension to the technique he design checks for all members were carried out automatically and rigorously, using

Full-scale tests on instrumented prototypes of major structural components to determine stiffness and strength characteristics were carried out. the results of the testing were in

Bank from the east with the faoto: (an Lambot). turn used as a basis for enabled a considered assessment of the local wind climate of firming the accuracy and quicy of the assumptions in the formal mathema the site to be established from which the expected (rather than statutory) wind loading, dy-namic performance of the structure and environmental back-analyses of the prost tests using large detailed element analyses in which wind effects on the building could be determined.

feature of the fabricated? Mathematical modelling techniques were developed for ponents was modelled. the prediction of the dynamic performance of the building under the expected wind load-A fundamental and o prehensive research study wind regime of Hong Kong commissioned, Furtherdel ing, from which the dominant

North-south section showing 6 m diameter seawater tunnel blasted out some 80 m below ground could be identified and evalmovements. The site is surdown" and "super-caissons' rounded by large buildings on shallow foundations. uated. Tests on the completed building are to be carried out to A programme of investigations, studies and analyses was undertaken, simed at estabpredictions are an important part of the manufacturing lishing the expected soil properties and preferred constructspecification for components in any building. In the case of the ion sequence. The work in-Hongkong Bank, because of volved a series of progressively

ion sequencing. Simple, global allowances would have resulted The construction of the substructure was made using a novel combination of "topin excessive and unrealistic specifications. As a result, a

verify the predictions.

Tolerances and movements

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lish these movements. An

approach was developed which modelled the building at each

stage of construction and hence

enabled predictions of cumulative building movements to be estimated for a range of con-

struction sequences. The predictions were then used as the

basis for advising on the corrective measures required at each

stage.

However, in terms of engineering risk it is the substructure of the Hongkong Bank which was the most critical. From past projects, the ground conditions in this area of Hong Kong had

been shown to be extremely

difficult. The soil succession

fill, marine deposits and com

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Ground water level is effectively

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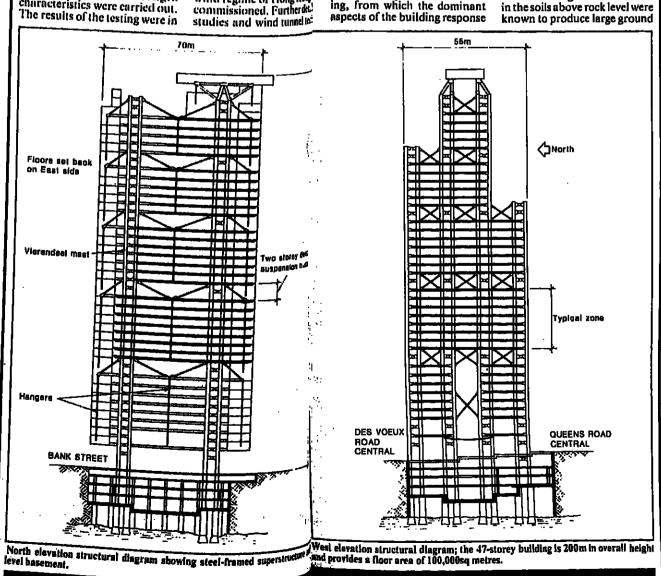
De-watering and excavation

The Hongkong Bank includes a seawater tunnel connecting the basement to the harbour through a 6m diameter rock tunnel at a depth of 80m below ground level. The tunnel was constructed by blasting and more sophisticated site investigations being made, in parallel with a programme of non-linear geotechnical finite element back-analyses of the behaviour of recent excavations in the local

without pressurisation. Extensive studies were made of the effects of ground water move-ments and blasting upon the buildings above, some of which were known to be old and in a state of poor repair. A comprehensive system of measuring

Typical superstructure floor plan.









ROGERS REVOLUTIO Peter Rice on Lloyd's remarkable new headquarters, designed by Richard Rogers &

ly striking features of the design of Lloyd's is the way the technical functions are expressed and used in the architecture.

For this to succeed at anything other than a superficial level the design must develop as a dialogue between the architect and engineer, who cannot simply provide a technical response; he must understand the architectural objectives and take an active part in developing the concept of the building as well as the technical details.

The building consists of a rectangular block, containing an atrium, surrounded by six satellite towers and a stack of

basement occupies the entire site. As a broad principle the main building above ground contains underwriting and office space, the satellites provide ertical circulation for people and services and the basement activities. Some plant is on the roof and there are plantrooms on top of the satellite towers. The key engineering and archi-tectural element is the main floor and its columns support, and how the design of this could be consistent with the sub-

servient satellite towers. The most important single aspect of the design is flexibility.

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inability to adapt to changing circumstances. The need for the building to accept change underlies almost all major design

decisions.
The Room occupies the whole of one floor slightly above street the disruption of internal recontains plantrooms and service level, but this alone is insufficient and the atrium allows additional underwriting area to be provided, within the single space of the Room, by using gallery levels. This also permits future expansion by converting more galleries to underwriting.

Concentrating lifts, stairs, service risers and toilets into the satellite towers and supporting the main building on external Lloyd's have already had to columns gives an uninterrupted space within the cladding and

The vertical and main horizon- itself. tal ventilation ducts are run

externally for the same reason. The arrangement of the horizontal layers of the floor and its grio pattern minimises

Although various parts of the design are separate in reality, the design moved forward as a whole with the focus of interest moving from area to area in a series of cycles, the development of the design in one area influencing the design in others.

Having decided on the overall shape and arrangement of the main building, the designers were faced with three main

 The nature of the columns and how they supported the

The stability system.

The size and shape of the building and column positions were derived from the site area, plot ratio and choice of a 1.8m grid while the height came from planning restrictions.

The floor is divided into horizontal zones;

 A 1.8 × 1.8m beam grid. A high-level services zone containing lighting, extract air,

smoke detectors and sprinklers. A steel panel which sits on stub columns at the beam intersections and acts as permanent formwork, supports acoustic panels and provides a services support grid.

 A concrete slab which is a fire barrier and supports a computer floor.

 A low-level services zone containing supply air, heat pumps, electrical power and elecommunications.

 A raised floor which incorporates air inlet grilles and floor outlet boxes for communications and power. The ventilation scheme is to

supply air from the raised floor tapered grp box, thesees and extract at high level through the light fitting, thus removing heat at source. The extract air is taken out to the perimeter where t is taken down through one layer of the triple-glazing before passing into the main external extract duct at the same level as the supply air for that floor. This improves the thermal performance of the cladding and makes possible the fully glazed facades which are a feature of the building. The zoning of the floor show tenderers what building. The zoning of the floor in this way is fundamental to the concept of adaptable space since it allows supply services to be re-arranged with relative case while lighting, extract and sprinklers occur in every grid.

Both the structure and services are exposed, with no false ceilings. There were particular architectural requirements for the floor structure:

• The structure should be isotropic in appearance. It was important that the floor should be seen as a ring rather than two linked rectangles which meant that the structure had to be a grid rather than a beam system. This was reinforced by the need to partition offices consistently up to a beam sofficers. to a beam soffit.

The beams should have parallel sides and sharp arrisses so the eye would be drawn to the soffit rather than up into the coffer. In other words, it should read as a grid of beams rather than a coffered slab.

The beams could not have The Room. oints down the centre. The overall depth had to be

as small as possible. The engineering requirements ● Strength and stiffnes

To have a system which could be constructed precisely, with a good finish, within the available time at a reasonable

A variety of structures were examined and the most promis-ing early solution had full-depth beams in the main span direction with smaller secondary beams flowing around the ring. This gave problems in the corner however and did not reflect the real structural behaviour which real structural behaviour which had high load concentrations at the column support points — especially on the inside atrium corner. By strengthening the beams between supports, and by introducing prestressing into the half-depth beams at the corners, a more isotropic sol-



Column bracket and bracket ution was found which

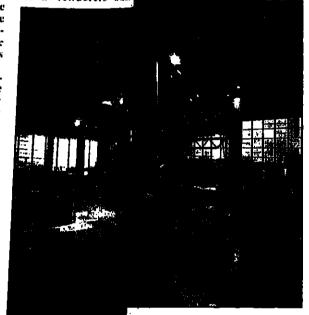
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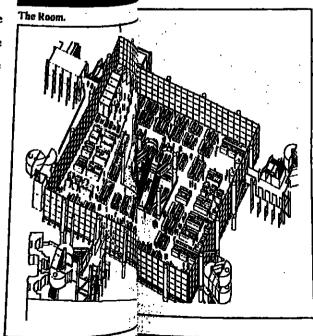
The trials helped in deciding The next key proble the way construction joints how to construct the fire would be used in the appearance the column supportants of the beam grid and they helped when discussing formwork the concrete quality mas. design with the subcontractors.
Gleeson, the subcontractor Three systems of for

neadquarters, designed

were looked at: the fine for the superstructure, opted for a steel hox using a pr a system which could be broken down. If design was based on folded and welded steel frames system for collapsing to inwards enough for it with Wisa ply faces. Neoprene withdrawn and the thirt system of timber forms could be broken down gaskets were built into the metal sections, which also formed rebates at joint lines. The components fixed together with A series of full-scale to bolts and wedges with adjust-These systems was carnede Bovis Construction to p

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Axonometric of the dealing



the construction logic which was to become the key to concrete logic was that in situ concrete elements should be bounded by pre-cast elements. Thus rhythm of pre-cast - in situ pre-cast was used consistently throughout the concrete construction. This helps control the joints between elements, and means that individual in situ elements could be formed and designed with concrete finish as the main objective. The brackets column joint is a prime example of this thinking. The bracket, which is pre-cast, is made very reinforced columns were teni plated, enabling the bracket/ column joint to be fitted together simply and correctly.

One very important issue in designing a building where the quality of the building is dependent on details as much as the whole is keeping the design consistent. Teamwork is a necessary and vital part of the

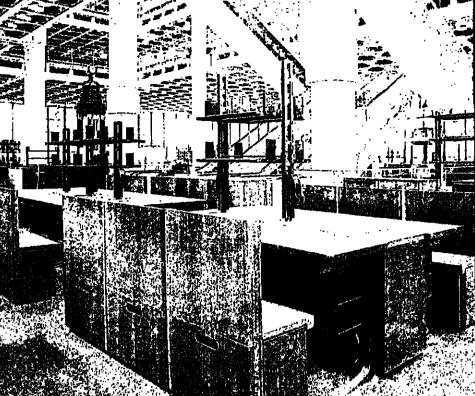
But that teamwork only works if the framework of the design concept is strong. Lloyd's with its strong principles of the way of using the pre-cast and in situ concrete together, to control quality and to provide articulation at the details, is a good example of the design discipline A similar discipline was als

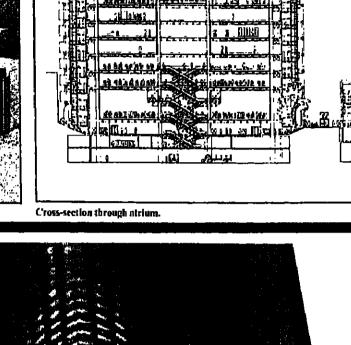
used to control the developmen of the steel detailing for items such as the lift framework where many individual small details contribute to total effect.

The atrium and the atrium support steelwork was also an interesting problem. It was very important that there be no confusion between the glazing pattern seen from the inside and the supporting structure. mega structure — an extensio of the main column grid — was used for the main support. The steel support structure was then placed in the plane of the facade llions so that it would : confuse the general glazing grid This organisation also gives a strong pattern and identity or the outside where it is mostly seen from other buildings, an not close up.

The atrium structure illus trates very well the advantage o strong design rules and a clea design discipline.

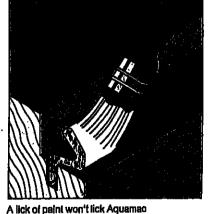
It was not solved until quite late in the design, after many of the main decisions had been taken, and there were sceptics in the team who felt that we woul be unable to find a satisfactory solution. Once the rules wer allowed to operate freely the solution became almost inevit-

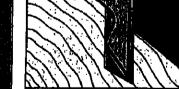


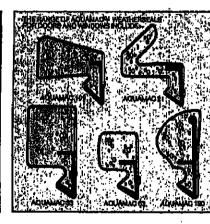


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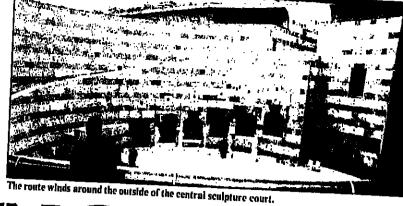
architecture; an original

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new style. Certainly, if the

enthusiasm of the public is



Cecil Balmond discusses Arup's joint involvement in the structures and services for James Stirling, Michael Wilford & Associates' hugely successful Stuttgart Staatsgalerie. opening onto terrace and foyer and round the central court, view the activity of the podium

anything to go by, the building is a success. The focus of the building complex is a large, open circular space called the sculpture court, around which the various exhi-bition spaces are planned, for the public, which winds up

levels, and linked by a series of curving zig-zag ramps. An Strasse at the front of the site imaginative feature of the

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ing. Contrasting with this traditional look are the twisting glass walls of the foyer, the steel lattice canopy structures and the angular lines of the elevations themselves; it is a striking mix of nigh tech with classical form.

Ove Arup & Partners were invited to design the structure and services for the project, as part of a joint venture with Boll for structural engineering and Eser Dittman Nehring for the engineering services. It was agreed that Arups would lead the engineering design up to scheme stage and then transfer the lead to the German-based team for the production of the tender and working drawings.

The client was the local government of Baden-Wurttem-

burg. The initial task for the design team was to work out a structural and services concept that would fit the tight planning of the various levels and yet not raise the building height above that of the existing gallery.

For the structure, downstanding beams were avoided where possible; floor slabs were designed to span directly onto columns or to be supported by walls serving as full storeyheight beams. The layout of the services was planned to avoid large horizontal ducts. Consequently, the plantroom was stretched out along the whole length of the building with vertical service risers connected directly to strategic areas.

During the early concept stage the other matter for debate was whether an expansion joint was desirable. Wherever a joint line could be drawn in the structure the details became extremely contorted. The tight "layering" of the various levels did not lend itself to independent structural units; the walls located along all external sides of the building removed any "give" in the structure at the edges normally free for expansion and contraction, therefore it had to be a 90m by 100m structure without joints. It was agreed to deal with the problem by simple crack control prodistribution of strains induced by temperature and shrinkage.

In the detailed development of the structural design a series of finite element analyses was carried out on the main span-ning wall/beam elements. Where stiffer wall elements framed into smaller and more slender elements local elastic stress distributions were calculated to satisfy the checking authority.

roofs. As the design progressed, however, areas of glazing were reduced to lower the air-condi-



Lighting and air-condition typical gallery space.

tioning load and attendant running costs, but still allowing viewing under natural light for 76 per cent of normal opening and oil paintings the illumina-ting levels of 50 and 200 lux respectively were specified on the vertical surface 1.5m from the floors. With artificial lighting these levels are achieved by switching circuits in the upper in the temporary exhibition adjustable motorised louvres mounted in the ceiling void. The substantial nature of these louvres help them to act as antiburglar devices and also as thermal insulation when fully closed during the winter hours of darkness. The louvres are

located beneath the roof glazing and span onto the top booms o the structural trusses. Along the bottom boom of the trusses is a steel grillage to support the ceiling layer which is

made up of glass, incorporating an ultra violet filter, which prevents harmful radiation entering the exhibition space. Extensive tests were carried out with paintings hung in the model room for daylight and artificial light, using various glazing solutions for the roof and ceiling. It was found that the sole use of float glass produced an unacceptable green hue to exhibits. This was overcome by

For viewing water colours

gallery rooms and by dimming

Natural light is controlled by

incorporating Albarino glass into the system. Albarino glass has been developed especially for use on solar cells and has very high transmission factors for all wavelengths of light. But expense limits the extent of its use. The final make-up of the glazing system was:

At roof level a sandwich of 5mm thick Albarino, I.5mm thick Thermolux-Gespinst, 5mm thick Albarino. At roof level a sandwich of

5mm thick Albarino, I.5mm

thick Thermolux-Gespinst 5mm thick Albarino. At ceiling level 1m by 1m triple-glazed panels of 5mm thick Kristal glass, 12mm thick air gap, 5mm thick Albarino, 12mm thick air gap, 9mm thick leminated class incorporation.

laminated glass incorporating a Imm thick UV filter. For maintenance of the ceilings and the daylight control louvres in the roof spaces, entwalks and permanent move able trolleys were provided

within the roof zone, integrated into the structure and services

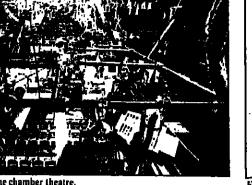


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experts the air-conditioning systems serving the gallery rooms were designed to maintain temperatures at around 23deg C during summer; 19deg C during winter.

Spray washers, containing alkaline water, together with high-efficiency filters, were incorporated in the air-handling plant serving the exhibition spaces in order to prevent sulphur dioxide present in the external air damaging the exhibits. The system also incorported frost protection coils and pre-filters, all located at the

For the upper gallery rooms



air is ducted from the basement

air-handling plant to distribute

along the edges of the 2m high

ceiling void. The supply air is discharged at high level, at low velocity, around the perimeter

of the rooms and extracted at

skirting level viaducts within the

wall linings, equalising vapour pressure in front of and behind

Since the roof to the upper

galleries is almost totally glazed.

the ceiling void above the galleries is treated as a buffer

zone, with its own dedicated air-

Entrance-level plan.

solar heat reclaim via the roof, which in turn is used to preheat the building's fresh air supplies.

In the theatre areas a 100 per cent recirculation of return air is incorporated to facilitate a rapid heating or cooling of the space. The supply and extract system were accommodated at high level, above the metal grid ceilings and in the wall linings of the theatre. Supply is through banks of nozzles set in the wall linings while extract is through holes in the concrete ceiling.

Work on site began in 1978 conditioning systems. This reduces the air-conditioning load in the gallerics, permitting building construction depart- exciting and rewarding.

ment, the Staathochhauamt, acted as project manager on all phases of the project.

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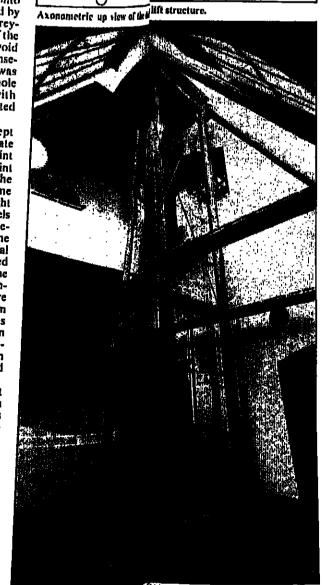
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I should explain that I started cribbing from Shepherd and Jellicoe's masterniece with the RIBA Library copy, back in 1946, when faced with a weekend esquisse . . . A Garden in N

I have subsequently persuaded Kew to prepare slides of the key illustrations and these have been used for my landscape ectures at Kew Gardens since 1964. More recently I have turned the pages for inspiration with work at Plas Newyd (III. a), and finally, this spring as a Fulbright textbook for West Coast students at Washington State University. One can say that I know the masterpiece

The work by Shepherd and Jellicoc, in fact, dates back to 1923 when these two young fellows from the fourth year at the AA set out on their year-long grand tour of Europe, the topic of Italian gardens being the suggestion of their year master, L H Bucknell. The duties of

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Jellicoe's theme:

putting together the first edition were shared, with Shepherd producing all the splendid renderings, ink sketches and photographs, while Jellicoe did the legwork on surveys plus the descriptive writing. Sir Geoffrey's "swan penmanship" is as crisp today as times past, and there's a well-balanced foreword that sets down the crucial philosophy behind the work.

The illustrations and text are timeless, the solidity of the sketches showing with perfect clarity the architectural structure of landscape, devised by such Italian masters as Bra-mante, Ligorio, Michelozzi and Vignola (111 B & C). The range is, in fact, very wide and provides an excellent record in terms of graphics and photographs of these great gardens as they appeared to two enthusiasts in their 20s.

It would be interesting to see a companion volume that tells of the state of these places today and how repairs have or have

A more significant grumble from my Yankeestudents would be the extraordinary way in which the figures and plates are still numerated. I know from personal experience that it all elps to get to know the book back to front, but I do consider that the 1986 reader might be offered captions throughout and an index.

Such grouses shift away as one turns the pages (almost Crown Folio) instead of fumbing through Tiranti's stingy edition of 53 and when one can walk through" one's chosen oaradise with plan, section and photography available to guide ne mind's eye through light and ade parterre and water, and all e delights of that garden of the world, whether it be the Roman agna, Tuscany or Venetia. There are sylvan words to of formality in the square

Other words like Jellicoe's 1925 notion of Formality and Design could perhaps turn the tide back from tame Neoclassic

or deadly social-realist vistas as

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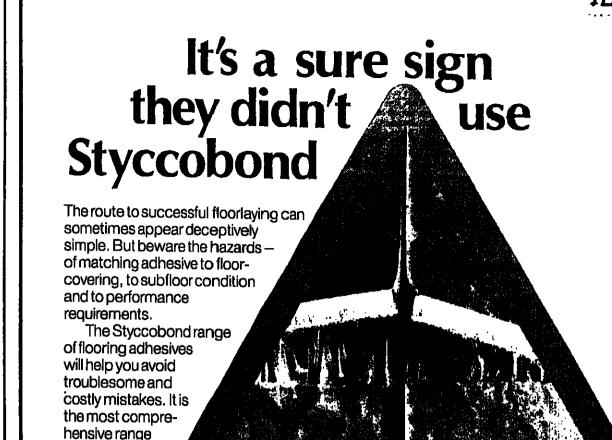
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of life, and in the same way is

mality to informality. In any design where nature is admitted. such as the garden, this relation-ship is the first consideration."

The spacial sequences and their ebb and flow as illustrated by Jellicoe and Shepherd are very different from the deadpan 'parterre' for a dried-up river bed in Valencia. The latter does not lead the eye but blocks it at

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The visual delights prepared by the late John Chiene Shepherd (1896-1978) make the that should be on every architect's bookshelf whether a "landscaper" or not; should the reader be afflicted by postmodernism then Italian Gardens would show them that "Fings aln't what they used to be".



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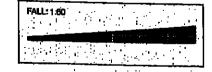


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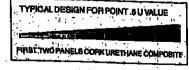
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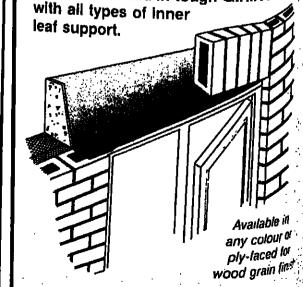
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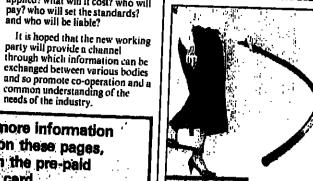
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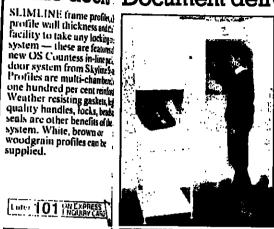
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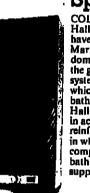
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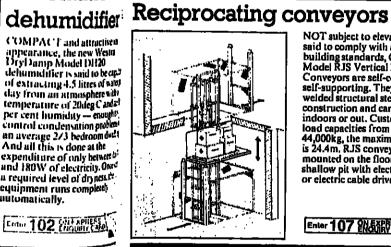
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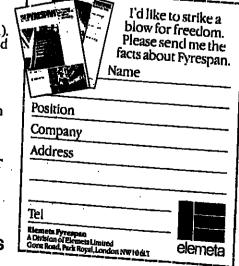
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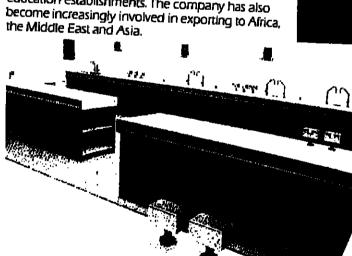
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have been launched by Ba Brick, the company who known for its Stafforday types of facing and engines bricks. These wirecut puel initially supplied in blue-i to be joined by red, reductive or 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures as the state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures as the state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures are state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures are state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures are state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures are stated as the state of 200 × 100 × 65mm is finish textures are stated as the stated finish textures are smooth a dragged. The pavers havel classification and a water absorption less than 7 projects.

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Man-made slates

TOSCHI man-made, asbestos-free slates are now available in this country from Allan Blunn. Three features set Toschi slates apart from its rivals. First is the Streuschicht process which concentrates more nigment in the concentrates more pigment in the upper layers of the fibre cement base; second is the entire conting of the slate (edges, back and front) with acrylic to inhibit efflorescence; and finally, the packing of 20 slates with paper interleaving to avoid scuffing or scratching.

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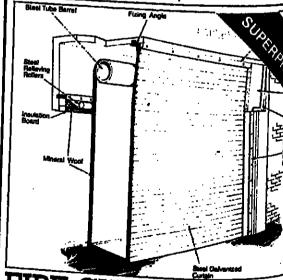
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A REAL breakthrough has been announced by Wormald Building Products. Its new Pyroshield fire curtain has been tested by the Warrington Research Centre for more than five hours without failure. Its integrity remained unbreached until the 296th minute and it achieved the insulation rating of 180 minutes.

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never a mandatory requirement in present building legislation.

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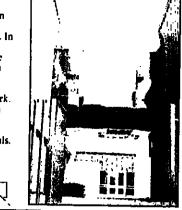
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Technical literature

Wide-span glazing

SAID to be a new concept in natural light structures. Duplus Domes has introduced Lightspan or use in covered ways, bridge a recent four-page colour leafter Duplus Domes has explained the service it offers, which includes a am of consultants on hand to help the designer with any problems during all stages of work. ightspan consists of aluminium franting in various finishes, combined with single or double-glazing in several glazing materials.



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Profiles

PACKAGED neatly into a six-page gate-fold leaflet — all you need to know about Trinsul three-piece composite cladding from Precision Metal Forming. It gives full technical information, dividing the range into two groups — those which give U values lower than 0.6 and those with U values lower than 0.4. In addition to design data, the leaflet contains installation

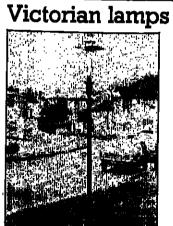
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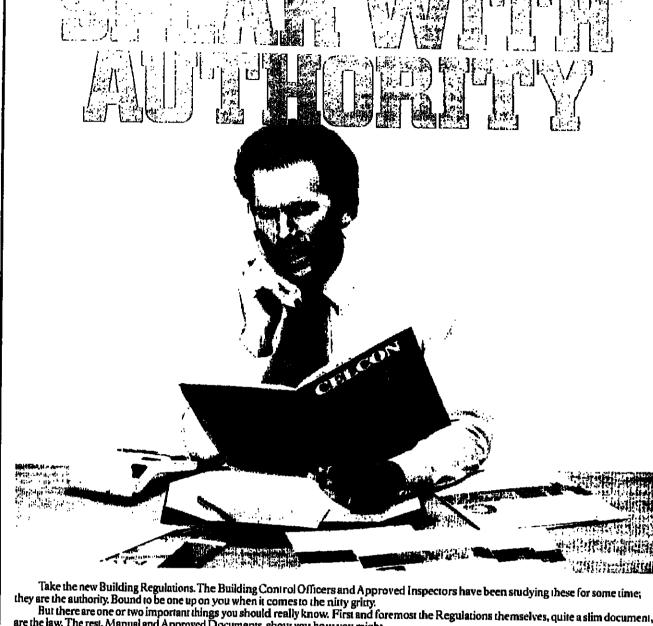
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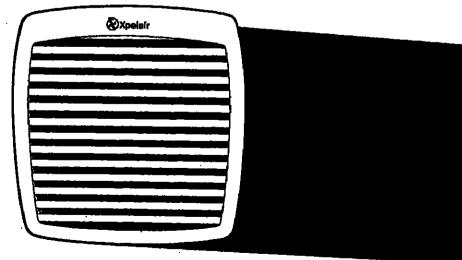
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New developments in practice, annual conference of the association of consultant

Venue: Sedgwick Centre, London Details: Jeanne Radford (0272)

Saturday and Sunday 20th century living in houses of the past, a two-day lecture series organised by the Huntingdon

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Tuesday Lunchtime lecture on Norman Foster by Alastair Best, editor of Designer magazing. Vonue: Reynolds Room, Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Details: RAA, 01-636 7076.

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Details: Charlotte Dale, 01-580

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Efficiency Officer (East), Room
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Ebury Bridge Road, London SWI
8QD, Tel: 01-730 9678 (ext 375).

Wednesday — Thursday Building Regulations and approved documents, a workshop organised jointly by Salford University and RICS NW Building Surveyors

Venue: University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT. Details: Trevor Mole, Department of Engineering, Civil Engineering Salford University, 061 736 5843 (ext 7117) or Meriel Carboni PICUP development officer (ext

Thursday Architects and their work, lecture by Renzo Piano, building workshop,

Branislav Stojanovic. Venue: Second-floor gallery Venue: RiBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1. 6.15pm, Details: RIBA 01-580 5533, 66 Portland Place, London &

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Ando: breathing geometry, exhibition of the Japanese architect's work. Venue: 911 gallery 26-28 Cramer Street, London W1M 311E.

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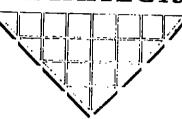
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